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WASHINGTON, November 7, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 2 totaled an estimated 18.8 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 752.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 2 totaled 406,440, up 5.0 percent from last year, and 4.0 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 21.6 percent in the East and 0.4 percent in the West, but down 3.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up by 19,185 cars (19.3 percent) and grain showed a gain of 4,231 cars (14.4 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 26 totaled 94,235 trailers and/or containers, 0.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 3,732,040 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/02/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 2, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,713	I	4,231	14.4	I	7,219	27.2
Other farm products	4,614	D	1,171	20.2	I	410	9.8
Metallic ores	16,134	I	1,596	11.0	D	739	4.4
Coal	118,584	I	19,185	19.3	I	5,051	4.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,381	D	17	0.1	D	62	0.5
Nonmetallic minerals	10,656	D	1,743	14.1	I	814	8.3
Grain mill products	10,867	I	157	1.5	D	94	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,712	I	1	0.0	I	129	1.1
Primary forest products	10,561	D	2,960	21.9	D	647	5.8
Lumber and wood products							
except furniture	7,149	D	203	2.8	I	146	2.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,508	D	1,644	10.9	I	111	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,279	D	326	1.4	D	137	0.6
Petroleum products	4,467	D	31	0.7	D	54	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,157	D	894	8.1	D	120	1.2
Coke	5,142	D	250	4.6	I	399	8.4
Metals and products	8,426	D	362	4.1	I	711	9.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,795	I	2,328	11.4	I	1,664	7.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,166	D	568	6.5	D	420	4.9
Forwarder and shipper							
association traffic	6,893	D	1,100	13.8	D	5	0.1
All other carloads	66,069	I	3,257	5.2	I	1,289	2.0
LCL traffic	167	D	26	13.5	D	13	7.2
Total Cars Loaded	406,440	I	19,460	5.0	I	15,652	4.0

Corresponding week of 1984

386,980

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	16,556,710	17,423,822	D 5.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

43 Weeks ended October 26	733.9	770.2	D 4.7
Week ended November 2	18.8	18.2	I 3.4
44 weeks cumulative	752.7	788.4	D 4.5

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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 9 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 770.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 9 totaled 388,852, down 0.1 percent from last year, and 4.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 9.1 percent in the East, but down 4.3 percent in the South and 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up by 3,880 cars (3.7 percent) despite severe flooding in the Virginia and West Virginia coal fields. Grain showed a gain of 4,906 cars (17.9 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups declined from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 2 totaled 95,391 trailers and/or containers, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 3,827,431 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/9/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 9, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	32,322	I		4,906	17.9	D	1,391	4.1	
Other farm products	5,021	D		1,749	25.8	I	407	8.8	
Metallic ores	14,515	D		2,352	13.9	D	1,619	10.0	
Coal	109,004	I		3,880	3.7	D	9,580	8.1	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,898	D		449	3.4	D	484	3.6	
Nonmetallic minerals	11,334	I		345	3.1	I	678	6.4	
Grain mill products	10,894	I		237	2.2	I	26	0.2	
Food and kindred products	11,714	I		504	4.5	I	2	0.0	
Primary forest products	11,194	D		2,308	17.1	I	626	5.9	
Lumber and wood products									
except furniture	6,539	D		238	3.5	D	625	8.7	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,990	D		1,553	10.7	D	465	3.5	
Chemicals and allied products	22,723	D		1,453	6.0	D	562	2.4	
Petroleum products	4,797	D		112	2.3	I	341	7.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,687	D		1,536	13.7	D	473	4.7	
Coke	5,008	D		69	1.4	D	134	2.6	
Metals and products	7,509	D		615	7.6	D	917	10.9	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,374	I		788	3.7	D	421	1.8	
Waste and scrap materials	8,171	D		249	3.0	I	21	0.3	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,249	D		1,578	20.2	D	644	9.3	
All other carloads	63,688	I		3,140	5.2	D	2,378	3.6	
LCL traffic	221	I		76	52.4	I	54	32.3	
Total Cars Loaded	388,852	D		385	0.1	D	17,538	4.3	

Corresponding week of 1984 389,237

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	16,945,512	17,813,059	D 4.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 Weeks ended November 2	752.7	788.4	D 4.5
Week ended November 9	18.1	18.3	D 1.3
45 Weeks cumulative	770.7	806.7	D 4.5

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WASHINGTON, November 26, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 16 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 788.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 16 totaled 387,761, up 2.7 percent from last year, but 0.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 13.9 percent in the East, but were down 1.0 percent in the South and 1.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 11,016 cars (11.1 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment loadings showed a gain of 1,427 cars (6.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups declined from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 9 totaled 92,871 trailers and/or containers, 0.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 3,920,302 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/16/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 16, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,088	I		12	0.0	D	1,234	3.8
Other farm products	4,658	D		844	15.3	D	363	7.2
Metallic ores	15,044	I		805	5.7	I	529	3.6
Coal	110,523	I		11,016	11.1	I	1,519	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,870	I		217	1.7	D	27	0.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,422	D		269	2.5	D	912	8.0
Grain mill products	10,422	I		261	2.6	D	472	4.3
Food and kindred products	10,960	I		274	2.6	D	753	6.4
Primary forest products	11,702	D		1,837	13.6	I	520	4.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,701	D		447	6.3	I	159	2.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,921	D		1,190	8.4	D	73	0.6
Chemicals and allied products	23,114	D		143	0.6	I	380	1.7
Petroleum products	4,446	D		414	8.5	D	357	7.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,998	D		631	5.9	I	314	3.2
Coke	5,015	I		203	4.2	I	7	0.1
Metals and products	8,299	I		745	9.9	I	790	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,681	I		1,427	6.7	I	307	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,055	D		887	9.9	D	119	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,567	D		957	12.7	I	318	5.1
All other carloads	62,087	I		2,708	4.6	D	1,602	2.5
LCL traffic	188	I		10	5.6	D	33	14.9
Total Cars Loaded	387,761	I		10,059	2.7	D	1,102	0.3

Corresponding week of 1984

377,702

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	17,333,284	18,190,761	D 4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 Weeks ended November 9	770.7	806.7	D 4.5
Week ended November 16	17.9	17.6	I 2.0
46 Weeks cumulative	788.7	824.3	D 4.3



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WASHINGTON, December 2, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 23 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 27.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, which included the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 806.8 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 23 totaled 396,583, up 32.1 percent from the holiday week last year, and 2.3 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 61.6 percent in the East, 36.4 percent in the South and 14.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 16 totaled 91,493 trailers and/or containers, 2.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 4,011,795 trailers and/or containers, down 1.6 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/23/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 23, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,302	I		4,578	18.5	D	1,786	5.7
Other farm products	3,976	D		156	3.8	D	682	14.6
Metallic ores	14,898	I		3,015	25.4	D	146	1.0
Coal	119,830	I		35,855	42.7	I	9,307	8.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,393	I		4,127	49.9	D	477	3.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,904	I		3,863	54.9	I	481	4.6
Grain mill products	10,358	I		1,852	21.8	D	63	0.6
Food and kindred products	11,443	I		2,880	33.6	I	482	4.4
Primary forest products	11,373	I		2,147	23.3	D	298	2.6
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	7,013	I		1,923	37.8	I	310	4.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,808	D		599	4.5	D	56	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	23,400	I		3,797	19.4	I	322	1.4
Petroleum products	4,518	I		830	22.5	I	73	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	9,368	I		1,358	17.0	D	630	6.3
Coke	5,190	I		1,320	34.1	I	175	3.5
Metals and products	8,471	I		2,557	43.2	I	172	2.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,005	I		7,581	49.2	I	324	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,076	I		1,770	28.1	I	3	0.0
Forwarder and shipper								
association traffic	6,476	I		988	18.0	D	91	1.4
All other carloads	63,516	I		16,662	35.6	I	1,419	2.3
LCL traffic	265	I		130	96.3	I	77	41.0
Total Cars Loaded	396,583	I		96,478	32.1	I	8,916	2.3

Corresponding week of 1984 300,105

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	17,729,773	18,490,866	D 4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
46 Weeks ended November 16	788.7	824.3	D 4.3
Week ended November 23	<u>18.2</u>	<u>14.3</u>	I 27.5
47 Weeks cumulative	806.8	838.5	D 3.8



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WASHINGTON, December 5, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 30 totaled an estimated 14.0 billion ton-miles, 22.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1985 week included the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 818.9 billion ton-miles, down 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the holiday week ended November 30 totaled 299,893, down 22.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 24.4 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.6 percent in the East, 30.9 percent in the South and 23.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, all of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. All of the 11 commodity groups declined from the preceding non-holiday week.

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The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 30 totaled 92,070 trailers and/or containers, 16.4 percent above the corresponding holiday week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 4,103,865 trailers and/or containers, down 1.0 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/30/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 30, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	20,876	D		9,359	30.9	D	8,426	28.8	
Other farm products	3,636	D		2,034	35.9	D	340	8.6	
Metallic ores	12,527	D		1,575	11.2	D	2,371	15.9	
Coal	89,615	D		13,530	13.1	D	30,215	25.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,334	D		3,050	26.8	D	4,059	32.8	
Nonmetallic minerals	6,956	D		6,326	47.6	D	3,946	36.2	
Grain mill products	8,424	D		2,223	20.9	D	1,935	18.7	
Food and kindred products	8,567	D		3,234	27.4	D	2,875	25.1	
Primary forest products	7,327	D		6,547	47.2	D	3,991	35.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,101	D		2,176	29.9	D	1,917	27.3	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,250	D		4,178	25.4	D	576	4.5	
Chemicals and allied products	18,992	D		6,023	24.1	D	4,383	18.8	
Petroleum products	3,416	D		1,714	33.4	D	1,061	23.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	7,264	D		3,744	34.0	D	2,104	22.5	
Coke	4,250	D		812	16.1	D	970	18.7	
Metals and products	3,374	D		1,050	12.5	D	1,147	13.5	
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,387	D		6,010	26.9	D	6,698	29.1	
Waste and scrap materials	5,591	D		1,299	27.1	D	2,452	30.5	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,317	D		2,346	30.6	D	1,164	18.0	
All other carloads	47,713	D		9,688	16.4	D	15,816	24.9	
LCL traffic	136	D		48	26.1	D	129	48.7	
Total Cars Loaded	299,897	D		87,465	27.8	D	96,575	24.4	

Corresponding week of 1984

386,158

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars loaded (48 weeks)	18,079,351	18,079,324	D 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
47 Weeks ended November 23	804.9 (est.)	806.5	D 4.0
Week ended November 30	14.0	18.0	D 22.1
48 Weeks cumulative	818.9	856.5	D 4.4



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WASHINGTON, December 12, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 7 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 2.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 836.1 billion ton-miles, down 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 7 totaled 371,136, down 2.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 23.8 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.3 percent in the East, but down 2.3 percent in the South and 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Carloadings of grain were down by 4,864 cars (16.9 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended November 30 totaled 70,689 trailers and/or containers, 22.3 percent below the corresponding non-holiday week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 4,174,554 trailers and/or containers, down 1.4 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/7/85:

	Loadings in Week ended December 7, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,997	D		4,864	16.9	I	3,121	15.0
Other farm products	4,549	D		234	4.9	I	913	25.1
Metallic ores	11,847	D		914	7.2	D	680	5.4
Coal	107,891	I		1,311	1.2	I	18,276	20.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,915	I		629	6.1	I	2,581	31.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,006	I		574	5.5	I	4,049	58.2
Grain mill products	10,787	D		114	1.0	I	2,364	28.1
Food and kindred products	11,229	D		148	1.3	I	2,663	31.1
Primary forest products	11,120	D		1,439	11.5	I	3,793	51.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,213	D		746	10.7	I	1,130	22.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,895	D		1,003	6.7	I	1,649	13.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,131	I		737	3.2	I	5,140	27.1
Petroleum products	4,749	D		101	2.1	I	1,336	39.1
Stone, clay and glass products	9,146	D		889	8.9	I	1,882	25.9
Coke	5,099	I		1,007	24.6	I	879	20.8
Metals and products	7,844	I		365	4.9	I	520	7.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,595	D		249	1.1	I	6,288	38.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,531	D		753	9.1	I	1,937	34.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,208	D		1,250	16.8	I	896	16.9
All other carloads	60,252	I		91	0.2	I	12,522	26.5
LCL traffic	132	D		41	23.7	D	4	2.9
Total Cars Loaded	371,136	D		8,031	2.1	I	71,255	23.8

Corresponding week of 1984 379,167

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	18,400,675	19,258,591	D 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
48 Weeks ended November 30	818.9	856.5	D 4.4
Week ended December 7	17.1	17.6	D 2.7
49 Weeks cumulative	836.1	874.1	D 4.4



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WASHINGTON, December 19, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 14 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 854.0 billion ton-miles, down 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 14 totaled 392,909, up 1.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.9 percent in the East, and 0.2 percent in the West, but down 1.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up 9,901 cars (8.7 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

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The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 7 totaled 88,674 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 4,263,228 trailers and/or containers, down 1.5 percent from 1984.

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following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/14/85:

	Loadings in Week ended December 14, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	25,979	D		1,764	6.4	I	1,982	8.3	
Other farm products	4,518	D		162	3.5	D	31	0.7	
Metalliferous ores	12,442	I		653	5.5	I	595	5.0	
Coal	123,338	I		9,901	8.7	I	15,447	14.3	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,012	I		486	4.6	I	97	0.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	10,588	I		435	4.3	D	418	3.8	
Grain mill products	10,649	I		25	0.2	D	138	1.3	
Food and kindred products	11,648	I		625	5.7	I	418	3.7	
Primary forest products	11,400	D		2,670	19.0	I	280	2.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,730	D		48	0.7	I	519	8.4	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,313	D		1,532	10.4	D	493	3.6	
Chemicals and allied products	22,279	D		1,428	6.0	D	1,880	7.8	
Petroleum products	4,640	D		267	5.4	D	118	2.5	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,028	D		669	6.9	D	118	1.3	
Coke	4,474	D		105	2.3	D	625	12.3	
Metals and products	7,750	I		219	2.9	D	94	1.2	
Motor vehicles and equipment	24,022	I		314	1.3	I	1,427	6.3	
Waste and scrap materials	8,250	D		651	7.3	I	727	9.7	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,347	D		1,148	15.3	I	139	2.2	
All other carloads	64,348	I		3,543	5.8	I	4,140	6.9	
LCL traffic	154	D		27	14.9	I	22	16.7	
Total Cars Loaded	392,909	I		5,710	1.5	I	21,878	5.9	

Corresponding week of 1984

387,199

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	18,793,479	19,654,790	D 4.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
49 Weeks ended December 7	836.1	874.1	D 4.4
Week ended December 14	18.0	17.9	I 0.3
50 Weeks cumulative	854.0	892.0	D 4.3



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WASHINGTON, December 30, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 21 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 871.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 21 totaled 374,781, down 0.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 4.7 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 1.4 percent in the East, and 4.0 percent in the South, but up 1.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up 3,947 cars (3.5 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 14 totaled 95,585 trailers and/or containers, 2.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of the year was 4,358,813 trailers and/or containers, down 1.4 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/21/85:

	Loadings in Week ended December 21, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,192	D	1,992	7.1	I	213	0.8
Other farm products	4,382	I	223	5.4	D	136	3.0
Metallic ores	11,158	I	35	0.3	D	1,284	10.3
Coal	116,597	I	3,947	3.5	D	6,741	5.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,967	D	143	1.6	D	2,045	18.6
Nonmetallic minerals	10,352	I	7	0.1	D	236	2.2
Grain mill products	9,804	D	734	7.0	D	846	7.9
Food and kindred products	10,715	D	225	2.1	D	932	8.0
Primary forest products	10,690	D	1,622	13.2	D	876	7.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,951	D	378	5.2	I	211	3.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,415	D	1,619	10.8	D	115	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	23,623	D	1,620	6.4	I	1,328	6.0
Petroleum products	4,740	D	279	5.6	I	21	0.4
Stone, clay and glass products	7,943	D	1,273	13.8	D	1,085	12.0
Coke	4,488	D	73	1.6	I	14	0.3
Metals and products	7,393	D	17	0.2	D	357	4.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,348	D	1,218	6.2	D	5,674	23.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,617	D	267	3.4	D	647	7.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,268	D	489	7.2	D	79	1.2
All other carloads	65,040	I	4,539	7.5	I	700	1.1
LCL traffic	98	D	75	43.4	D	56	36.4
Total Cars Loaded	374,781	D	3,273	0.9	D	18,622	4.7

Corresponding week of 1984 378,054

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	19,169,627	20,023,844	D 4.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
50 Weeks ended December 14	854.0	892.0	D 4.3
Week ended December 21	17.6	17.6	I 0.1
51 Weeks cumulative	871.7	909.7	D 4.2



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1985 RAIL TRAFFIC DECLINES

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during 1985 totaled an estimated 884 billion ton-miles, down 4.1 percent from 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carloadings for the year totaled 19,419,763, also down 4.1 percent from 1984.

The decline in 1985 traffic was attributed primarily to the fact that the national economy failed to continue the strong rate of growth it enjoyed in 1984. The 1985 ton-mile total was 6.7 percent higher than the 1983 ton-mile output.

On a quarterly basis, 1985 ton-miles trailed comparable periods of 1984 by 4.6 percent in the first quarter, 5.2 percent in the second quarter, and 7.4 percent in the third quarter, before posting a modest gain of nearly 1 percent in the fourth quarter. Ton-miles for the year decreased in all regions: by 3.1 percent in the East, 4.0 percent in the South and 4.4 percent in the West.

As shown on page 4, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups declined compared with 1984. The biggest losers were grain, down 241,842 cars (17.1 percent); metallic ores, down 123,050 cars (14.5 percent); and coal, down 134,086 cars (2.3 percent). The sharp drop in grain carloadings was due primarily to a decline in the volume of export

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grain. In the case of coal, the comparison between 1985 and 1984 loadings is somewhat distorted because coal traffic in 1984 reached a 27-year high due, in part, to heavy stockpiling in anticipation of a coal miners' strike that was averted.

The only commodity group to show a substantial increase over 1984 was motor vehicles and equipment. Heavy sales of new cars led to an increase of 69,270 carloadings (6.9 percent) in this category.

Ton-miles for the holiday week ended December 28 totaled 12.4 billion, 4.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1984. Carloadings were up 7.1 percent from 1984, and down 33.3 percent from the preceding non-holiday week of 1985.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 21 totaled 94,565 trailers and/or containers, up 4.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of the year was 4,454,565 trailers and/or containers, down 1.3 percent from 1984.

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/28/85:

	Loadings in Week ended December 28, 1985			Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	17,482	I		508	3.0	D	8,710	33.3
Other farm products	2,870	D		136	4.5	D	1,512	34.5
Metallic ores	8,324	I		287	3.6	D	2,834	25.4
Coal	72,260	I		6,303	9.6	D	44,337	38.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	5,044	D		786	13.5	D	3,923	43.7
Nonmetallic minerals	6,966	D		1,623	18.9	D	3,387	32.7
Grain mill products	8,184	I		763	10.3	D	1,620	16.5
Food and kindred products	7,236	I		129	1.8	D	3,479	32.5
Primary forest products	5,878	D		823	12.3	D	4,819	45.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,384	I		163	3.9	D	2,568	36.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	10,623	I		1,355	14.6	D	2,837	21.1
Chemicals and allied products	20,107	I		291	1.5	D	3,519	14.9
Petroleum products	3,754	I		377	11.2	D	972	20.6
Stone, clay and glass products	6,005	D		722	10.7	D	1,938	24.4
Coke	4,284	I		748	21.2	D	204	4.5
Metals and products	6,041	I		1,089	22.0	D	1,352	18.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,129	I		2,454	32.0	D	8,219	44.8
Waste and scrap materials	4,251	D		197	4.4	D	3,369	44.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,808	D		648	14.5	D	2,460	39.2
All other carloads	42,368	I		6,974	19.7	D	22,694	34.9
ICI traffic	70	D		21	23.1	D	28	28.6
Total Cars Loaded	250,068	I		16,485	7.1	D	124,781	33.3

Corresponding week of 1984 233,583

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks)	19,419,763	20,257,427	D 4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
51 Weeks ended December 21	871.7	909.7	D 4.2
Week ended December 28	12.4	11.9	I 4.0
52 Weeks cumulative	884.0	921.5	D 4.1

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1985 and 1984:

	1985	1984		Incr/Decr. 1985 vs. 1984	
	Cars	Cars		Cars	Percent
Grain	1,175,346	1,417,188	D	241,842	17.1
Other farm products	189,028	209,105	D	20,077	9.6
Metallic ores	727,210	850,260	D	123,050	14.5
Coal	5,784,879	5,918,965	D	134,086	2.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	613,184	587,513	I	25,671	4.4
Nonmetallic minerals	572,034	608,468	D	36,434	6.0
Grain mill products	531,226	547,575	D	16,349	3.0
Food and kindred products	565,570	561,026	I	4,544	0.8
Primary forest products	585,774	697,417	D	111,643	16.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	359,802	371,909	D	12,107	3.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	712,947	763,146	D	50,199	6.6
Chemicals and allied products	1,242,878	1,272,616	D	29,738	2.3
Petroleum products	238,100	246,478	D	8,378	3.4
Stone, clay and glass products	530,551	560,594	D	30,043	5.4
Coke	252,245	264,648	D	12,403	4.7
Metals and products	444,086	475,222	D	31,136	6.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	1,079,254	1,009,984	I	69,270	6.9
Waste and scrap materials	437,311	482,964	D	45,653	9.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	334,708	388,389	D	53,681	13.8
All other carloads	3,035,537	3,012,985	I	22,552	0.7
LCL traffic	8,093	10,975	D	2,882	26.3
Total Cars Loaded	19,419,763	20,257,427	D	837,664	4.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

	1985	1984	% Change
First quarter	220.5	231.1	D 4.6
Second quarter	222.8	235.0	D 5.2
Third quarter	216.8	234.0	D 7.4
Fourth quarter	223.8	221.7	I 0.9
Year	884.0	921.5	D 4.1



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PIGGYBACK TRAFFIC REMAINS STRONG

WASHINGTON, January 14, 1986 -- For the second consecutive year, the number of trailers and containers loaded in piggyback service on major U.S. railroads exceeded 4.5 million. The 1985 total of 4,515,878, the second highest year on record, was 1.1 percent lower than 1984, but 10.4 percent higher than 1983, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

TOFC/COFC loadings accounted for 14.5 percent of total rail carloadings in 1985 and remained second only to coal -- the traditional leader -- as a source of railroad traffic.

Trailers and containers loaded during the holiday week ended December 28 totaled 61,288 up 13.2 percent over the corresponding week of 1984.

The AAR also reported that total freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the New Year's holiday week ended January 4 totaled 12.9 billion ton-miles, 6.5 percent above the corresponding holiday week of 1985.

Total carloadings on major railroads for the January 4 week were 271,373, up 3.4 percent from the comparable week of 1985, and 9.1 percent higher than the preceding Christmas week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.8 percent in the West, but down 1.1 percent in the East, and 1.5 percent in the South.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/04/86:

	Loadings in Week ended January 4, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	20,783	I	2,784	15.5	I	3,445	19.9
Other farm products	3,178	D	257	7.5	I	314	11.0
Metallic ores	6,890	D	1,249	15.3	D	1,435	17.2
Coal	80,242	I	2,620	3.4	I	8,159	11.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,461	I	594	8.7	I	2,404	47.5
Nonmetallic minerals	7,320	D	1,854	20.2	I	356	5.1
Grain mill products	8,496	I	263	3.2	I	294	3.6
Food and kindred products	7,450	D	356	4.6	I	183	2.5
Primary forest products	8,923	D	457	4.9	I	3,152	54.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,644	I	623	15.5	I	321	7.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,163	D	549	4.3	I	1,907	18.6
Chemicals and allied products	21,013	I	1,363	6.9	I	1,030	5.2
Petroleum products	4,187	I	620	17.4	I	475	12.8
Stone, clay and glass products	7,376	I	74	1.0	I	1,372	22.9
Coke	4,695	I	622	15.3	I	411	9.6
Metals and products	7,341	I	1,199	19.5	I	1,305	21.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	7,329	D	3,212	30.5	D	2,812	27.7
Waste and scrap materials	5,357	I	177	3.4	I	1,182	28.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,972	D	176	4.2	I	163	4.3
All other carloads	42,486	I	6,188	17.0	I	463	1.1
ACL traffic	67	D	70	51.1	D	3	4.3
Total Cars Loaded	271,373	I	8,947	3.4	I	22,686	9.1

Corresponding week of 1985 262,426

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

	1986	1985	
Week ended January 4	12.9	12.1	I 6.5



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WASHINGTON, January 17, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 11 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1986 was an estimated 30.1 billion ton-miles, up 3.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 11 totaled 372,471, up 0.3 percent from last year, and 37.1 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.0 percent in the East and 1.0 percent in the West, but down 2.4 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up 7,697 cars (7.2 percent) and metallic ores showed a gain of 1,134 cars (12.3 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 4 totaled 66,052 trailers and/or containers, 20.9 percent above last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/11/86:

	Loadings in Week ended Jan. 11, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	26,944	D		1,485	5.2	I	6,161	29.6	
Other farm products	4,581	D		442	8.8	I	1,403	44.1	
Metallic ores	10,321	I		1,134	12.3	I	3,431	49.8	
Coal	114,997	I		7,697	7.2	I	34,754	43.3	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,315	D		512	5.2	I	1,854	24.8	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,103	D		1,620	16.7	I	783	10.7	
Grain mill products	10,525	D		342	3.1	I	2,029	23.9	
Food and kindred products	10,738	D		500	4.4	I	3,287	44.1	
Primary forest products	11,820	D		2,218	15.8	I	2,824	31.4	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,611	D		159	2.3	I	1,975	42.6	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,029	D		1,652	11.3	I	774	6.3	
Chemicals and allied products	24,061	D		937	3.7	I	3,035	14.4	
Petroleum products	5,236	I		786	17.7	I	992	23.4	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,293	D		353	3.7	I	1,915	26.0	
Coke	4,693	I		115	2.5	D	2	0.0	
Metals and products	8,440	I		239	2.9	I	1,099	15.0	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,770	D		1,340	5.8	I	14,441	197.0	
Waste and scrap materials	8,392	D		547	6.1	I	3,024	56.3	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,143	D		895	14.8	I	1,171	29.5	
All other carloads	58,342	I		4,350	8.1	I	15,858	37.3	
LCL traffic	117	D		27	18.8	I	50	74.6	
Total Cars Loaded	372,471	I		1,292	0.3	I	100,858	37.1	

Corresponding week of 1985

371,179

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	644,084	633,605	I 1.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

Week ended January 4	12.9	12.1	I 6.5
Week ended January 11	17.2	17.1	I 0.9
2 weeks cumulative	30.1	29.2	I 3.2



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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 18 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 6.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1986 was an estimated 48.0 billion ton-miles, up 4.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 18 totaled 386,028, up 6.0 percent from last year, and 3.6 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.5 percent in the East, 2.4 percent in the South and 6.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up 13,716 cars (13.2 percent) and metallic ores showed a gain of 1,029 cars (10.9 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 11 totaled 89,094 trailers and/or containers, 8.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of the year was 155,146 trailers and/or containers, up 13.2 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/18/86:

	Loadings in Week ended January 18, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,902	I	932	3.5	I	958	3.6
Other farm products	4,944	D	135	2.7	I	363	7.9
Metallic ores	10,491	I	1,029	10.9	I	170	1.6
Coal	117,453	I	13,716	13.2	I	2,457	2.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,506	I	801	9.2	I	191	2.1
Nonmetallic minerals	8,612	D	499	5.5	I	509	6.3
Grain mill products	11,037	I	165	1.5	I	512	4.9
Food and kindred products	11,193	I	297	2.7	I	456	4.2
Primary forest products	11,859	D	1,295	9.8	I	80	0.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,356	I	510	7.4	I	744	11.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,760	D	974	6.6	I	566	4.3
Chemicals and allied products	24,450	D	440	1.8	I	410	1.7
Petroleum products	5,331	I	485	10.0	I	126	2.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,509	I	217	2.3	I	217	2.3
Coke	4,462	D	584	11.6	D	231	4.9
Metals and products	8,594	I	901	11.7	I	154	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,929	I	195	0.9	I	1,158	5.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,877	D	34	0.4	I	483	5.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,698	D	701	11.0	I	555	10.8
All other carloads	61,919	I	7,121	13.0	I	3,590	6.2
LCL traffic	146	I	14	10.6	I	29	24.8
Total Cars Loaded	386,028	I	21,721	6.0	I	13,497	3.6

Corresponding week of 1985 364,307

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (3 weeks)	1,030,172	997,912	I 3.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

Week ended January 11	30.1	29.2	I 3.2
Week ended January 18	17.9	16.9	I 6.0
3 weeks cumulative	48.0	46.0	I 4.2



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WASHINGTON, January 30, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 25 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 15.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1985 week was affected by adverse weather conditions in various parts of the country.

Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1986 was an estimated 66.0 billion ton-miles, up 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 25 totaled 388,458, up 18.5 percent from last year, and 0.6 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 34.9 percent in the East, 20.1 percent in the South and 9.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up 33,598 cars (39.5 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 3,068 cars (42.8 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 18 totaled 95,048 trailers and/or containers, 16.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of the year was 250,194 trailers and/or containers, up 14.5 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/25/86:

	Loadings in Week ended January 25, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,310	I		2,197	9.1	D	1,592	5.7
Other farm products	4,297	I		22	0.5	D	647	13.1
Metallic ores	11,973	I		1,652	16.0	I	1,482	14.1
Coal	118,651	I		33,598	39.5	I	1,197	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,228	I		3,068	42.8	I	722	7.6
Nonmetallic minerals	8,625	D		373	4.1	I	12	0.1
Grain mill products	10,838	I		416	4.0	D	200	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,463	I		721	6.7	I	270	2.4
Primary forest products	11,739	I		602	5.4	D	57	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,594	I		694	10.1	I	234	3.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,684	D		154	1.1	D	152	1.1
Chemicals and allied products	24,275	I		234	1.0	D	212	0.9
Petroleum products	5,138	I		543	11.8	D	200	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	9,489	I		1,112	13.3	D	19	0.2
Coke	4,959	I		1,099	28.5	I	497	11.1
Metals and products	8,829	I		1,693	23.7	I	235	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,591	I		2,944	14.3	I	663	2.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,197	I		1,819	24.7	I	325	3.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,784	I		570	9.0	I	66	1.2
All other carloads	61,678	I		9,297	17.7	D	261	0.4
LCL traffic	136	D		30	18.1	D	10	6.8
Total Cars Loaded	388,358	I		60,584	18.5	I	2,353	0.6

Corresponding week of 1985 127,874

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks)	1,418,707	1,325,786	I 7.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 18	48.0	46.0	I 4.2
Week ended January 25	18.0	15.6	I 15.4
4 weeks cumulative	66.0	61.6	I 7.1



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Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1986 was an estimated 82.8 billion ton-miles, up 5.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 1 totaled 362,057, down 0.5 percent from last year, and 6.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.2 percent in the East, and 2.7 percent in the West, but down 7.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up 3,172 cars (3.2 percent). Grain loadings showed a decrease of 3,138 cars (12.2 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 25 totaled 95,205 trailers and/or containers, 18.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of the year was 345,399 trailers and/or containers, up 15.5 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/1/86:

	Loadings in Week ended February 1, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,583	D		3,138	12.2	D	3,727	14.2
Other farm products	4,271	I		506	13.4	D	26	0.6
Metallic ores	11,740	D		1,185	9.2	D	233	1.9
Coal	103,191	I		3,172	3.2	D	15,459	13.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,607	I		731	9.3	D	1,621	15.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,351	D		2,066	19.8	D	273	3.2
Grain mill products	10,956	D		157	1.4	I	119	1.1
Food and kindred products	10,813	D		331	3.0	D	650	5.7
Primary forest products	10,615	D		1,447	12.0	D	1,206	10.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,092	I		851	11.8	I	475	6.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,009	D		790	5.3	I	353	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	24,393	D		468	1.9	I	146	0.6
Petroleum products	5,052	I		365	7.8	D	82	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	8,453	D		316	3.6	D	1,036	10.9
Coke	4,090	D		1,047	20.4	D	869	17.5
Metals and products	8,737	D		51	0.6	D	93	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,632	I		520	2.4	D	959	4.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,329	D		115	1.4	D	871	9.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,724	D		1,518	21.0	D	40	0.7
All other carloads	61,274	I		4,788	8.5	D	394	0.6
LCL traffic	145	D		110	43.1	I	9	6.6
Total Cars Loaded	362,057	D		1,806	0.5	D	26,437	6.8

Corresponding week of 1985 363,863

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	1,780,800	1,689,649	I 5.4

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

4 Weeks ended January 25	66.0	61.6	I 7.1
Week ended February 1	16.9	16.8	I 0.4
5 weeks cumulative	82.8	78.4	I 5.6

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Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1986 was an estimated 100.4 billion ton-miles, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 8 totaled 378,488, up 6.2 percent from last year, and 4.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.8 percent in the East, 4.8 percent in the South and 6.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up 13,885 cars (13.8 percent) and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand posted a gain of 2,134 cars (27.6 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 1 totaled 95,259 trailers and/or containers, 10.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOPFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 440,658 trailers and/or containers, up 14.4 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/8/86:

	Loadings in Week ended February 8, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,598	I		1,037	4.4	I	2,015	8.9
Other farm products	3,697	I		401	12.2	D	574	13.4
Metallic ores	11,900	D		2,065	14.8	I	160	1.4
Coal	114,549	I		13,885	13.8	I	11,358	11.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,852	I		2,134	27.6	I	1,245	14.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,675	D		1,549	15.2	I	323	3.9
Grain mill products	10,932	D		44	0.4	D	24	0.2
Food and kindred products	10,921	D		154	1.4	I	106	1.0
Primary forest products	11,480	I		341	3.1	I	903	8.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,232	I		903	14.3	D	860	10.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,552	D		822	5.7	D	529	3.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,964	D		335	1.4	D	430	1.8
Petroleum products	4,812	I		220	4.8	D	243	4.8
Stone, clay and glass products	8,743	I		652	8.1	I	290	3.4
Coke	4,479	D		333	6.9	I	389	9.5
Metals and products	7,651	D		583	7.1	D	1,085	12.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,735	I		679	3.1	I	103	0.5
Waste and scrap materials	8,945	I		751	9.2	I	614	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,622	D		1,447	20.5	D	102	1.8
All other carloads	64,005	I		8,484	15.3	I	2,719	4.4
LCL traffic	144	D		12	7.7	D	1	0.7
Total Cars Loaded	378,488	I		22,143	6.2	I	16,377	4.5

Corresponding week of 1985 356,345

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,160,300	2,045,994	I 5.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

5 Weeks ended February 1	82.8	78.4	I 5.6
Week ended February 8	17.5	16.5	I 6.1
6 weeks cumulative	100.4	94.9	I 5.7



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WASHINGTON, February 20, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 15 totaled an estimated 16.9 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1986 was an estimated 117.2 billion ton-miles, up 5.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 15 totaled 365,320, up 2.4 percent from last year, but 3.5 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 12.8 percent in the East, and 1.7 percent in the South, but down 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up 9,481 cars (9.8 percent) and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment posted a gain of 2,406 cars (11.8 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 8 totaled 98,401 trailers and/or containers, 16.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 539,059 trailers and/or containers, up 14.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/15/86:

	Loadings in Week ended February 15, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	23,174	D		1,101	4.5	D	1,424	5.8	
Other farm products	2,909	D		734	20.1	D	788	21.3	
Metallic ores	11,399	D		1,199	9.5	D	501	4.2	
Coal	106,248	I		9,481	9.8	D	8,301	7.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,833	I		571	6.9	D	1,019	10.3	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,525	D		1,909	16.7	I	850	9.8	
Grain mill products	10,892	D		408	3.6	D	40	0.4	
Food and kindred products	10,875	D		310	2.8	D	46	0.4	
Primary forest products	10,909	D		1,648	13.1	D	571	5.0	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,403	I		409	5.8	I	171	2.4	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,497	D		1,353	9.1	D	55	0.4	
Chemicals and allied products	24,914	I		297	1.2	I	950	4.0	
Petroleum products	5,168	I		394	8.3	I	356	7.4	
Stone, clay and glass products	8,525	D		427	4.8	D	218	2.5	
Coke	5,002	I		101	2.1	I	523	11.7	
Metals and products	8,004	D		247	3.0	I	353	4.6	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,851	I		2,406	11.8	I	116	0.5	
Waste and scrap materials	8,713	I		1	0.0	D	232	2.6	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,764	D		926	13.8	I	142	2.5	
All other carloads	60,580	I		5,241	9.5	D	3,425	5.4	
LCL traffic	135	I		1	0.7	D	9	6.3	
Total Cars Loaded	365,320	I		8,640	2.4	D	13,168	3.5	

Corresponding week of 1985 356,680

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,525,620	2,402,674	I 5.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

6 Weeks ended February 8	100.4	94.9	I 5.7
Week ended February 15	16.9	16.8	I 0.7
7 weeks cumulative	117.2	111.7	I 5.0



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WASHINGTON, February 27, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 22 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1986 was an estimated 134.1 billion ton-miles, up 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 22 totaled 364,368, down 5.3 percent from last year, and 0.2 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 6.4 percent in the East, 7.5 percent in the South, and 3.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 8,609 cars (7.1 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 15 totaled 95,193 trailers and/or containers, 11.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of the year was 634,273 trailers and/or containers, up 14.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/22/86:

	Loadings in Week ended February 22, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	20,631	D		1,334	6.1	D	2,543	11.0	
Other farm products	2,493	D		1,068	30.0	D	416	14.3	
Metallic ores	12,232	D		480	3.8	I	833	7.3	
Coal	112,815	D		8,609	7.1	I	6,567	6.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,587	D		297	3.0	I	753	8.5	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,190	D		1,965	19.4	D	1,293	13.6	
Grain mill products	10,454	D		83	0.8	D	451	4.1	
Food and kindred products	10,208	D		588	5.4	D	694	6.4	
Primary forest products	11,337	D		2,193	16.2	I	380	3.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,440	I		461	6.6	I	137	1.9	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,814	D		873	5.9	I	368	2.7	
Chemicals and allied products	24,028	D		694	2.8	D	806	3.2	
Petroleum products	4,162	D		250	5.7	D	1,088	20.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	8,716	D		1,332	13.3	I	181	2.1	
Coke	4,704	D		178	3.6	D	298	6.0	
Metals and products	8,553	D		435	4.8	I	600	7.5	
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,307	I		886	4.0	I	471	2.1	
Waste and scrap materials	8,472	D		87	9.0	D	317	3.6	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,101	D		1,551	23.3	D	570	10.1	
All other carloads	57,999	I		1,001	1.8	D	2,663	4.4	
LCL traffic	113	D		30	19.6	D	12	8.9	
Total Cars Loaded	364,368	D		20,449	5.3	D	861	0.2	

Corresponding week of 1985 364,817

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks)	2,889,800	2,787,491	I 3.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

7 Weeks ended February 15	117.2	111.7	I 5.0
Week ended February 22	16.8	17.8	D 5.5
8 weeks cumulative	134.1	129.5	I 3.5



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WASHINGTON, March 6, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 1 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first nine weeks of 1986 was an estimated 151.7 billion ton-miles, up 2.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 1 totaled 384,595, down 2.8 percent from last year, but 4.5 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.7 percent in the West, but down 8.5 percent in the East, and 7.0 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 4,933 cars (4.3 percent) and grain traffic decreased by 2,941 cars (12.1 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 22 totaled 92,950 trailers and/or containers, 8.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of the year was 727,289 trailers and/or containers, up 13.5 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/1/86:

	Loadings in Week ended March 1, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,300	D		2,941	12.1	I	669	3.2
Other farm products	2,930	D		1,157	28.3	I	412	16.4
Metallic ores	13,260	I		107	0.8	I	1,028	8.4
Coal	110,576	D		4,933	4.3	D	2,239	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,856	I		808	8.0	I	1,269	13.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,737	D		1,733	13.9	I	2,546	31.1
Grain mill products	10,662	D		193	1.8	I	190	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,139	D		397	3.4	I	748	7.2
Primary forest products	11,523	D		979	7.8	I	186	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,506	I		1,074	14.5	I	1,057	14.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,183	D		1,372	8.8	I	252	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	26,828	I		645	2.5	I	2,706	11.2
Petroleum products	4,519	D		39	0.9	I	351	8.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,501	D		803	7.8	I	716	8.2
Coke	4,855	D		414	7.9	I	151	3.2
Metals and products	9,735	D		734	7.0	I	1,133	13.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,447	I		834	3.7	I	132	0.6
Waste and scrap materials	9,058	D		807	8.2	I	565	6.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,822	D		1,479	20.3	I	432	8.1
All other carloads	65,036	I		3,464	5.6	I	4,201	6.9
LCL traffic	122	D		55	31.1	D	1	0.8
Total Cars Loaded	384,595	D		11,104	2.8	I	16,504	4.5

Corresponding week of 1985 395,699

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks)	3,278,118	3,183,190	I 3.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

8 Weeks ended February 22	134.1	129.5	I 3.5
Week ended March 1	17.6	18.2	D 3.2
9 weeks cumulative	151.7	147.7	I 2.7



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Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 169.0 billion ton-miles, up 2.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 8 totaled 380,153, down 1.4 percent from last year, and 1.2 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.4 percent in the West, but down 7.2 percent in the East, and 5.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, lumber and wood products showed a gain of 1,137 cars (16.9 percent). Coal loadings were down by 4,237 cars (3.7 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 1 totaled 99,996 trailers and/or containers, 8.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first nine weeks of the year was 827,285 trailers and/or containers, up 13.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/8/86:

	Loadings in Week ended March 8, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	21,690	D		556	2.5	I	390	1.8	
Other farm products	3,281	D		85	2.5	I	351	12.0	
Metallic ores	12,600	I		149	1.2	D	660	5.0	
Coal	111,769	D		4,237	3.7	I	1,193	1.1	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,643	I		840	7.8	I	787	7.2	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,982	D		2,540	22.0	D	1,755	16.3	
Grain mill products	10,811	I		37	0.3	I	149	1.4	
Food and kindred products	10,647	D		681	6.0	D	492	4.4	
Primary forest products	11,293	D		1,620	15.5	D	169	1.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,863	I		1,137	16.9	D	643	7.6	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,537	D		1,367	9.2	D	689	4.8	
Chemicals and allied products	25,214	D		552	2.1	D	1,615	6.0	
Petroleum products	4,684	I		236	5.3	I	159	3.5	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,102	D		418	4.0	I	601	6.3	
Coke	4,837	I		194	4.2	D	18	0.4	
Metals and products	8,525	D		482	5.4	D	1,211	12.4	
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,150	I		905	4.1	D	297	1.3	
Waste and scrap materials	8,644	D		1,445	14.3	D	410	4.5	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,654	D		1,243	18.0	D	168	2.9	
All other carloads	65,094	I		6,268	10.7	I	58	0.1	
LCL traffic	133	D		42	24.0	I	11	9.0	
Total Cars Loaded	380,153	D		5,502	1.4	D	4,428	1.2	

Corresponding week of 1985 385,655

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks)	3,658,257	3,565,317	I 2.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

9 Weeks ended March 1	151.7	147.7	I 2.7
Week ended March 8	17.3	17.7	D 2.1
10 weeks cumulative	169.0	165.4	I 2.2



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WASHINGTON, March 20, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 15 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 186.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 15 totaled 389,710, down 1.9 percent from last year, but 2.5 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.1 percent in the West, but down 6.5 percent in the East, and 6.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores showed a gain of 3,527 cars (29.8 percent) and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,368 cars (12.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 8 totaled 99,418 trailers and/or containers, 11.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first ten weeks of the year was 926,685 trailers and/or containers, up 12.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/15/86:

	Loadings in Week ended March 15, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	21,900	D		2,936	11.8	I	210	1.0	
Other farm products	2,939	D		894	23.3	D	342	10.4	
Metallic ores	15,362	I		3,527	29.8	I	2,762	21.9	
Coal	116,405	D		3,160	2.6	I	4,636	4.1	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,961	I		1,368	12.5	I	318	2.7	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,890	D		2,075	17.3	I	908	10.1	
Grain mill products	10,719	I		62	0.6	D	92	0.9	
Food and kindred products	11,142	D		494	4.2	I	495	4.6	
Primary forest products	10,525	D		2,388	18.5	D	768	6.8	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,010	I		885	12.4	I	147	1.9	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,349	D		1,294	8.8	D	188	1.4	
Chemicals and allied products	26,935	D		1,257	4.5	I	1,721	6.8	
Petroleum products	4,464	D		183	3.9	D	220	4.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,868	D		1,381	12.3	D	234	2.3	
Coke	4,845	D		463	8.7	I	8	0.2	
Metals and products	8,426	D		1,226	12.7	D	99	1.2	
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,250	I		406	1.8	I	100	0.4	
Waste and scrap materials	8,727	D		1,804	17.1	I	83	1.0	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,548	D		1,368	19.8	D	106	1.9	
All other carloads	65,318	I		7,268	12.5	I	224	0.3	
LCL traffic	127	D		31	19.6	D	6	4.5	
Total Cars Loaded	389,710	D		7,438	1.9	I	9,557	2.5	
Corresponding week of 1985	397,148								
	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,047,879			3,962,465			I 2.2		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
10 Weeks ended March 8	169.0			165.4			I 2.2		
Week ended March 15	17.8			18.3			D 2.8		
11 weeks cumulative	186.8			183.7			I 1.7		



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WASHINGTON, March 27, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 22 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 5.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 204.3 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 22 totaled 380,004, down 4.7 percent from last year, and 2.5 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.9 percent in the West, but down 11.1 percent in the East, and 9.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with coal loadings showing a decline of 9,754 cars (7.9 percent). Only lumber and wood products, up by 1,575 cars (22.9 percent), recorded a significant gain. Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 15 totaled 99,423 trailers and/or containers, 14.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of the year was 1,025,928 trailers and/or containers, up 13.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/22/86:

	Loadings in Week ended March 22, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	20,596	D		2,570	11.1	D	1,304	6.0	
Other farm products	2,763	D		582	17.4	D	176	6.0	
Metallic ores	15,558	I		698	4.7	I	196	1.3	
Coal	113,430	D		9,754	7.9	D	2,975	2.6	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,992	I		43	0.4	I	31	0.3	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,155	D		3,294	26.5	D	735	7.4	
Grain mill products	10,108	D		262	2.5	D	611	5.7	
Food and kindred products	10,820	D		121	1.1	D	322	2.9	
Primary forest products	10,541	D		2,070	16.4	I	16	0.2	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,466	I		1,575	22.9	I	456	5.7	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,043	D		1,405	9.7	D	306	2.3	
Chemicals and allied products	25,813	D		1,528	5.6	D	1,122	4.2	
Petroleum products	4,347	D		490	10.1	D	117	2.6	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,514	D		1,883	16.5	D	354	3.6	
Coke	4,640	D		199	4.1	D	205	4.2	
Metals and products	8,616	D		798	8.5	I	190	2.3	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,190	D		18	0.1	D	1,060	4.6	
Waste and scrap materials	8,511	D		1,630	16.1	D	216	2.5	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,593	D		1,112	16.6	I	45	0.8	
All other carloads	64,166	I		6,466	11.2	D	1,152	1.8	
LCL traffic	142	I		12	9.2	I	15	11.8	
Total Cars Loaded	380,004	D		18,992	4.7	D	9,706	2.5	

Corresponding week of 1985 398,926

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks)	4,427,650	4,361,391	I 1.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

11 Weeks ended March 15	186.8	183.7	I 1.7
Week ended March 22	17.4	18.3	D 5.0
12 weeks cumulative	204.3	202.1	I 1.1



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WASHINGTON, April 3, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 29 totaled an estimated 16.6 billion ton-miles, 3.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 220.9 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 29 totaled 364,866, down 8.5 percent from last year, and 4.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.4 percent in the East, 11.4 percent in the South and 4.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with coal loadings showing a decline of 11,410 cars (9.6 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 22 totaled 99,420 trailers and/or containers, 13.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOPFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of the year was 1,125,252 trailers and/or containers, up 13.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/29/86:

	Loadings in Week ended March 29, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	15,073	D		4,276	19.1	D	2,532	12.3
Other farm products	2,732	D		436	13.8	D	38	1.4
Metallic ores	14,692	I		765	5.5	D	866	5.6
Coal	107,408	D		11,410	9.6	D	5,523	4.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,947	I		1,236	10.5	I	1,005	8.4
Nonmetallic minerals	5,154	D		4,084	33.4	D	1,009	11.0
Grain mill products	9,607	D		1,352	12.3	D	506	5.0
Food and kindred products	10,880	D		610	5.3	D	21	0.2
Primary forest products	10,611	D		2,453	19.5	D	426	4.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,978	I		841	10.9	I	88	1.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,034	D		1,884	12.6	I	65	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,641	D		2,944	10.7	D	1,372	5.3
Petroleum products	3,780	D		858	16.5	D	531	12.3
Stone, clay and glass products	8,733	D		1,615	14.2	I	214	2.2
Coke	2,274	D		1,243	23.8	D	666	14.4
Metals and products	2,475	I		454	4.6	I	846	9.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,230	D		3,764	16.4	D	3,370	15.0
Waste and scrap materials	1,707	D		2,280	22.8	D	810	9.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,222	D		1,456	20.8	D	80	1.4
All other various	44,014	D		4,433	7.4	D	738	1.1
ICI traffic	103	I		44	29.9	D	39	27.5
Total Cars Loaded	164,606	I		33,888	8.5	D	16,309	4.3

Corresponding week of 1985

1985

	1986	1985	% Change
Total cars loaded (12 weeks)	4,826,240	4,773,669	I 0.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

12 weeks ended March 22	204.1	202.1	I 1.1
Week ended March 29	16.6	18.5	D 9.8
13 weeks cumulative	220.4	220.5	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, April 10, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 5 totaled an estimated 16.4 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1985 week included the Good Friday holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 237.3 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 5 totaled 359,867, down 1.8 percent from last year, and 1.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.8 percent in the West, but down 5.0 percent in the East and 4.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, loadings of chemicals and allied products were up by 2,824 cars (11.3 percent) and loadings of lumber and wood products showed a gain of 1,488 cars (22.4 percent).—Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 29 totaled 97,549 trailers and/or containers, 8.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 1,222,801 trailers and/or containers, up 12.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are loadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/05/86:

	Loadings in Week ended April 5, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,213	D	1,364	6.6	I	1,140	6.3
Other farm products	2,821	D	84	2.9	I	89	3.3
Metallic ores	13,086	D	533	3.9	D	1,606	10.9
Coal	100,052	D	7,244	6.8	D	7,856	7.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,459	D	22	0.2	I	462	3.6
Nonmetallic minerals	8,675	D	1,298	13.0	I	523	6.4
Grain mill products	10,200	I	1,000	10.9	I	593	6.2
Food and kindred products	10,794	D	101	0.9	D	86	0.8
Primary forest products	10,242	D	1,573	13.3	I	129	1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,129	I	1,488	22.4	D	439	5.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,847	D	1,075	7.7	D	123	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	37,770	I	2,824	11.3	I	3,130	12.7
Petroleum products	4,429	I	328	8.0	I	667	17.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,331	D	365	3.4	I	598	6.1
Coke	4,847	D	469	8.8	I	872	21.9
Metals and products	9,340	I	317	3.5	D	135	1.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,046	D	1,422	7.3	D	1,024	5.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,125	D	423	4.9	I	422	5.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,331	D	981	15.5	D	202	3.7
All other carloads	61,961	I	4,475	7.8	D	2,048	3.2
ACL traffic	17	D	15	11.4	I	14	13.6
Total Cars Loaded	359,867	D	6,537	1.8	D	4,880	1.3

Corresponding week in 1985 366,404

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks)	5,166,233	5,152,601	I 0.3

Estimated revenue comparison
(in billions):

13 weeks ended March 29	220.9	220.5	I 0.2
Week ended April 5	16.4	16.2	I 1.0
14 weeks cumulative	237.3	236.7	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, April 17, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 12 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 254.7 billion ton-miles, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 12 totaled 386,683, up 1.0 percent from last year, and 7.5 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.6 percent in the East, and 3.3 percent in the West, but down 2.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores increased by 2,396 cars (18.1 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 1,663 cars (7.9 percent) and loadings of chemicals and allied products showed a gain of 1,435 cars (5.4 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 5 totaled 95,913 trailers and/or containers, 13.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 1,318,714 trailers and/or containers, up 12.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/12/86:

	Loadings in Week ended April 12, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	17,725	D		3,345	15.9	D	1,488	7.7	
Other farm products	2,824	D		670	19.2	I	3	0.1	
Metallic ores	15,627	I		2,396	18.1	I	2,541	19.4	
Coal	115,248	D		3,060	2.6	I	15,196	15.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,351	I		837	6.2	I	892	6.6	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,655	D		1,306	11.9	I	980	11.3	
Grain mill products	10,175	D		75	0.7	D	25	0.2	
Food and kindred products	10,981	D		87	0.8	I	187	1.7	
Primary forest products	9,904	D		2,042	17.1	D	338	3.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,098	I		716	9.7	D	31	0.4	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,367	D		1,654	11.8	D	480	3.7	
Chemicals and allied products	27,867	I		1,435	5.4	I	97	0.3	
Petroleum products	4,719	I		19	0.4	I	290	6.5	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,536	D		944	8.2	I	205	2.0	
Coke	5,084	D		180	3.4	I	237	4.9	
Metals and products	9,046	I		190	2.1	D	294	3.1	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,807	I		1,663	7.9	I	4,711	26.0	
Waste and scrap materials	8,806	D		435	4.7	I	681	8.4	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,394	D		674	11.1	I	63	1.2	
All other carloads	65,344	I		11,078	20.4	I	3,381	5.5	
DCL traffic	125	I		6	5.0	I	8	6.8	
Total Cars Loaded	386,683	I		3,868	1.0	I	26,816	7.5	

Corresponding week of 1985 382,815

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks)	5,554,772	5,535,416	I 0.3

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

14 Weeks ended April 5	237.3	236.7	I 0.2
Week ended April 12	17.4	16.9	I 3.2
15 weeks cumulative	254.7	253.6	I 0.4



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WASHINGTON, April 24, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 19 totaled an estimated 16.9 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 271.6 billion ton-miles, up 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 19 totaled 383,926, down 2.2 percent from last year, and 0.7 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.2 percent in the West, but down 4.3 percent in the East, and 5.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 5,020 cars (4.3 percent) and grain showed a decrease of 2,274 cars (11.3 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 12 totaled 99,001 trailers and/or containers, 20.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 1,417,688 trailers and/or containers, up 13.2 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/19/86:

	Loadings in Week ended April 19, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	17,902	D	2,274	11.3	I	177	1.0
Other farm products	2,862	D	1,008	26.0	I	38	1.3
Metallic ores	16,534	I	972	6.2	I	907	5.8
Coal	112,079	D	5,020	4.3	D	3,169	2.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,161	I	97	0.7	D	190	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,178	D	1,556	13.3	I	523	5.4
Grain mill products	9,908	D	665	6.3	D	267	2.6
Food and kindred products	11,138	D	464	4.0	I	162	1.5
Primary forest products	10,119	D	1,438	12.4	I	187	1.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,473	I	594	7.5	I	389	4.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,234	D	1,644	11.8	D	143	1.2
Chemicals and allied products	26,547	D	1,188	4.3	D	1,289	4.6
Petroleum products	4,714	I	1	0.0	D	54	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,754	D	811	7.0	I	238	2.3
Coke	5,179	D	296	5.4	I	175	3.5
Metals and products	8,234	D	564	6.4	D	734	8.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,910	D	612	2.6	I	103	0.5
Waste and scrap materials	8,907	D	417	4.5	I	62	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,487	D	984	15.2	I	93	1.7
All other carloads	65,372	I	8,547	15.0	I	22	0.0
LCL traffic	234	I	109	87.2	I	109	87.2
Total Cars Loaded	383,926	D	8,621	2.2	D	2,661	0.7

Corresponding week of 1985 392,547

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (16 weeks)	5,938,668	5,927,963	I 0.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

15 Weeks ended April 12	254.7	253.6	I 0.4
Week ended April 19	16.9	17.2	D 1.7
16 weeks cumulative	271.6	270.9	I 0.3



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WASHINGTON, May 1, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 26 totaled an estimated 16.9 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 288.6 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 26 totaled 383,595, down 2.0 percent from last year, and 0.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.6 percent in the West, but down 5.2 percent in the East, and 2.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,152 cars (8.1 percent). Coal loadings were down by 2,455 cars (2.1 percent) and nonmetallic minerals showed a decrease of 2,405 cars (19.8 percent). Ten of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 19 totaled 99,982 trailers and/or containers, 15.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 1,517,673 trailers and/or containers, up 13.4 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/26/86:

	Loadings in Week ended April 26, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	17,001	D	1,731	9.2	D	901	5.0
Other farm products	2,909	D	717	19.8	I	47	1.6
Metallic ores	17,094	I	713	4.4	I	560	3.4
Coal	112,483	D	2,455	2.1	I	404	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,297	I	1,152	8.1	I	1,136	8.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,760	D	2,405	19.8	D	418	4.1
Grain mill products	10,173	I	142	1.4	I	265	2.7
Food and kindred products	11,122	D	484	4.2	D	16	0.1
Primary forest products	10,133	D	1,058	9.5	I	14	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,450	D	7	0.1	D	23	0.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,352	D	1,920	13.5	I	118	1.0
Chemicals and allied products	25,795	D	1,307	4.8	D	752	2.8
Petroleum products	4,727	I	126	2.7	I	13	0.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,552	D	809	7.1	D	202	1.9
Coke	4,854	D	822	14.5	D	325	6.3
Metals and products	8,600	D	1,276	12.9	I	366	4.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,867	D	928	3.9	D	43	0.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,538	D	757	8.1	D	369	4.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,182	D	3,241	50.5	D	2,305	42.0
All other carloads	67,599	I	9,787	16.9	I	2,227	3.4
LCL traffic	107	D	18	14.4	D	127	54.3
Total Cars Loaded	383,595	D	8,015	2.0	D	331	0.1

Corresponding week of 1985 391,610

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	6,322,263	6,319,627	I 0.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

16 Weeks ended April 19	271.6	270.9	I 0.3
Week ended April 26	16.9	17.2	D 1.6
17 weeks cumulative	288.6	288.1	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, May 8, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 3 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 305.7 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 3 totaled 384,883, down 1.3 percent from last year, but 0.3 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.0 percent in the West, but down 5.7 percent in the East, and 6.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Metallic ores were down by 4,823 cars (24.7 percent) and nonmetallic minerals decreased by 2,456 cars (19.2 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 26 totaled 100,341 trailers and/or containers, 16.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 1,643,502 trailers and/or containers, up 15.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/3/86:

	Loadings in Week ended May 3, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	17,593	D	374	2.1	I	592	3.5
Other farm products	3,057	D	340	10.0	I	148	5.1
Metallic ores	14,668	D	4,823	24.7	D	2,426	14.2
Coal	111,030	D	835	0.7	D	1,453	1.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,645	I	406	2.9	D	652	4.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,348	D	2,456	19.2	I	588	6.0
Grain mill products	10,109	D	58	0.6	D	64	0.6
Food and kindred products	11,326	I	12	0.1	I	204	1.8
Primary forest products	9,882	D	2,085	17.4	D	251	2.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,505	I	554	7.0	I	55	0.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,868	D	1,319	9.3	I	516	4.2
Chemicals and allied products	25,361	D	866	3.3	D	434	1.7
Petroleum products	4,742	I	84	1.8	I	15	0.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,885	D	620	5.4	I	333	3.2
Coke	5,265	D	220	4.0	I	411	8.5
Metals and products	9,458	D	359	3.7	I	858	10.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,136	D	447	2.0	D	731	3.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,315	D	801	8.8	D	223	2.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,256	D	3,433	51.3	I	74	2.3
All other carloads	71,331	I	12,765	21.8	I	3,730	5.5
LCL traffic	103	D	40	28.0	D	4	3.7
Total Cars Loaded	384,883	D	5,255	1.3	I	1,286	0.3

Corresponding week of 1985 390,138

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks)	6,707,148	6,709,765	D 0.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles:
(in billions):

17 Weeks ended April 26	288.6	288.1	I 0.2
Week ended May 3	17.1	17.2	D 0.2
18 weeks cumulative	305.7	305.2	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, May 15, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 10 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 322.7 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 10 totaled 380,921, down 0.5 percent from last year, and 1.0 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.9 percent in the West, but down 4.6 percent in the East, and 4.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 6,374 cars (5.6 percent) and nonmetallic minerals decreased by 2,323 cars (18.9 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 3 totaled 92,177 trailers and/or containers, 6.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 1,735,669 trailers and/or containers, up 14.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/10/86:

	Loadings in Week ended May 10, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	15,478	D		656	4.1	D	2,115	12.0
Other farm products	3,493	I		34	1.0	I	436	14.3
Metallic ores	16,982	D		384	2.2	I	2,314	15.8
Coal	107,903	D		6,374	5.6	D	3,127	2.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,154	I		820	5.7	I	509	3.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,947	D		2,323	18.9	D	401	3.9
Grain mill products	10,418	I		276	2.7	I	309	3.1
Food and kindred products	10,691	D		397	3.6	D	635	5.6
Primary forest products	10,236	D		1,414	12.1	I	354	3.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,966	I		599	8.1	D	539	6.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,393	D		1,087	8.1	D	475	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	25,708	D		614	2.3	I	347	1.4
Petroleum products	4,745	I		118	2.6	I	3	0.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,450	D		1,204	10.3	D	435	4.0
Coke	5,077	I		109	2.2	D	188	3.6
Metals and products	8,582	D		164	1.9	D	876	9.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,602	D		889	4.0	D	534	2.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,171	D		514	5.9	D	144	1.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,787	D		3,873	58.2	D	469	14.4
All other carloads	73,036	I		16,010	28.1	I	1,705	2.4
LCL traffic	102	D		59	36.6	D	1	1.0
Total Cars Loaded	380,921	D		1,986	0.5	D	3,962	1.0

Corresponding week of 1985 382,907

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks)	7,088,069	7,092,672	D 0.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

18 Weeks ended May 3	305.7	305.2	I 0.2
Week ended May 10	17.0	16.9	I 0.2
19 weeks cumulative	322.7	322.2	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, May 22, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 17 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 340.1 billion ton-miles, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 17 totaled 390,719, down 0.1 percent from last year, but 2.6 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.2 percent in the West, but down 8.3 percent in the East, and 4.0 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 3,527 cars (30.4 percent) and grain posted a gain of 2,080 cars (12.7 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 10 totaled 101,278 trailers and/or containers, 16.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 1,865,876 trailers and/or containers, up 16.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/17/86:

	Loadings in Week ended May 17, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	18,434	I		2,080	12.7	I	2,956	19.1	
Other farm products	4,006	I		476	13.5	I	513	14.7	
Metallic ores	19,304	D		2,042	9.5	I	2,382	14.0	
Coal	110,426	D		8,901	7.5	I	2,523	2.3	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,132	I		3,527	30.4	D	22	0.1	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,880	D		1,657	14.4	D	67	0.7	
Grain mill products	10,399	I		63	0.6	D	19	0.2	
Food and kindred products	10,996	D		5	0.0	I	305	2.9	
Primary forest products	10,073	D		2,265	18.4	D	163	1.6	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,066	I		197	2.5	I	100	1.3	
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,127	D		738	5.3	I	734	5.9	
Chemicals and allied products	24,548	D		728	2.9	D	1,160	4.5	
Petroleum products	4,833	I		274	6.0	I	88	1.9	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,756	D		674	5.9	I	306	2.9	
Coke	4,763	D		839	15.0	D	314	6.2	
Metals and products	8,592	D		597	6.5	I	10	0.1	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,884	D		1,740	7.4	I	282	1.3	
Waste and scrap materials	8,394	D		312	3.6	I	223	2.7	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,854	D		3,397	54.3	I	67	2.4	
All other carloads	74,088	I		16,949	29.7	I	1,052	1.4	
LCL traffic	104	D		27	20.6	I	2	2.0	
Total Cars Loaded	390,719	D		356	0.1	I	9,798	2.6	

Corresponding week of 1985 391,075

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks)	7,478,788	7,483,747	D 0.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

19 Weeks ended May 10	322.7	322.2	I 0.2
Week ended May 17	17.5	17.2	I 1.7
20 weeks cumulative	340.1	339.3	I 0.2



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WASHINGTON, May 29, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 24 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 356.8 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 24 totaled 394,856, up 0.2 percent from last year, and 1.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.5 percent in the West, but down 6.5 percent in the East, and 4.9 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 10 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,529 cars (11.2 percent) and grain posted a gain of 1,189 cars (6.4 percent). Coal loadings were down by 9,375 cars (7.8 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 17 totaled 100,102 trailers and/or containers, 17.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 1,965,978 trailers and/or containers, up 16.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/24/86:

	Loadings in Week ended May 24, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,786	I		1,189	6.4	I	1,352	7.3
Other farm products	4,042	I		445	12.4	I	36	0.9
Metallic ores	19,959	D		283	1.4	I	595	3.1
Coal	110,432	D		9,375	7.8	I	6	0.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,205	I		1,529	11.2	I	73	0.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,005	D		2,432	21.3	D	875	8.9
Grain mill products	10,545	I		289	2.8	I	146	1.4
Food and kindred products	11,211	I		173	1.6	I	215	2.0
Primary forest products	10,467	D		1,553	12.9	I	394	3.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,386	I		316	3.9	I	320	4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,768	D		1,404	9.9	D	359	2.7
Chemicals and allied products	25,184	I		605	2.5	I	636	2.6
Petroleum products	4,885	I		31	0.6	I	52	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,721	D		802	7.0	D	35	0.3
Coke	4,439	D		729	14.1	D	324	6.8
Metals and products	8,971	D		375	4.0	I	379	4.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,917	D		572	2.5	I	33	0.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,664	I		69	0.8	I	270	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,993	D		3,317	52.6	I	139	4.9
All other carloads	75,186	I		16,875	28.9	I	1,098	1.5
LCL traffic	90	D		60	40.0	D	14	13.5
Total Cars Loaded	394,856	I		619	0.2	I	4,137	1.1

Corresponding week of 1985 394,237

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks)	7,873,644	7,877,984	D 0.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

20 Weeks ended May 17	(Rev.)	339.1	339.3	D	0.1
Week ended May 24		17.7	17.4	I	1.5
21 weeks cumulative		356.8	356.8	I	0.0

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WASHINGTON, June 5, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 31 totaled an estimated 15.3 billion ton-miles, 2.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day Holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 372.1 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 31 totaled 338,955, down 2.9 percent from last year, and 14.1 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.0 percent in the West, but down 5.5 percent in the East, and 7.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 8,140 cars (7.9 percent) and grain traffic decreased by 2,601 cars (13.3 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 24 totaled 99,913 trailers and/or containers, 14.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 2,067,781 trailers and/or containers, up 16.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/31/86:

	Loadings in Week ended May 31, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	16,930	D	2,601	13.3	D	2,856	14.4
Other farm products	3,800	I	140	3.8	D	242	6.0
Metallic ores	18,136	I	2,176	13.6	D	1,823	9.1
Coal	94,478	D	8,140	7.9	D	15,949	14.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,144	D	52	0.4	D	3,039	20.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,035	D	2,468	21.5	I	30	0.3
Grain mill products	9,184	I	264	3.0	D	1,361	12.9
Food and kindred products	9,580	D	396	4.0	D	1,608	14.4
Primary forest products	9,113	D	1,482	14.0	D	1,353	12.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,450	I	285	4.0	D	936	11.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,327	D	1,640	11.7	D	380	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	22,269	I	746	3.5	D	2,913	11.6
Petroleum products	4,384	I	284	6.9	D	501	10.3
Stone, clay and glass products	9,314	D	1,048	10.1	D	1,407	13.1
Coke	3,825	D	892	18.9	D	614	13.8
Metals and products	8,833	D	821	8.5	D	136	1.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,602	D	222	1.2	D	3,315	15.1
Waste and scrap materials	7,305	D	102	1.4	D	1,348	15.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,565	D	2,740	51.6	D	428	14.0
All other carloads	59,591	I	8,515	16.7	D	15,561	20.7
LCL traffic	90	D	44	32.8	-	0	0.0
Total Cars Loaded	338,955	D	10,238	2.9	D	55,740	14.1

Corresponding week of 1985 349,193

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	8,212,438	8,227,177	D 0.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

21 Weeks ended May 24	356.8	356.8	I 0.0
Week ended May 31	<u>15.3</u>	<u>15.7</u>	D <u>2.2</u>
22 weeks cumulative	372.1	372.4	D 0.1



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WASHINGTON, June 13, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 7 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 389.3 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 7 totaled 388,777 down 1.7 percent from last year, but 15.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the South, but down 3.0 percent in the East, and 2.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 2,296 cars (1.9 percent) and grain traffic decreased by 4,169 cars (18.4 percent). Loadings of metallic ores increased by 1,016 cars (5.6 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 31 totaled 86,982 trailers and/or containers, 14.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 2,154,812, trailers and/or containers, up 16.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/07/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 7, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	18,440	D	4,169	18.4	I	1,510	8.9
Other farm products	4,435	I	225	5.3	I	635	16.7
Metallic ores	19,294	I	1,016	5.6	I	1,158	6.4
Coal	116,661	D	2,296	1.9	I	22,183	23.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,505	D	469	3.1	I	2,361	19.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,814	D	2,842	22.5	I	779	8.6
Grain mill products	10,624	I	237	2.3	I	1,440	15.7
Food and kindred products	11,108	I	111	1.0	I	1,528	15.9
Primary forest products	10,343	D	1,493	12.6	I	1,230	13.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,754	I	124	1.6	I	304	4.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,213	D	508	3.7	I	886	7.2
Chemicals and allied products	23,649	I	142	0.6	I	1,380	6.2
Petroleum products	4,805	I	177	3.8	I	421	9.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,941	D	622	5.4	I	1,627	17.5
Coke	4,520	D	167	3.6	I	695	18.2
Metals and products	8,727	D	919	9.5	D	106	1.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,190	D	449	2.0	I	3,588	19.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,077	D	179	2.2	I	772	10.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,095	D	3,074	49.8	I	530	20.7
All other carloads	66,488	I	8,672	15.0	I	8,256	14.2
LCL traffic	94	D	48	33.8	I	4	4.4
Total Cars Loaded	388,777	D	6,527	1.7	I	51,181	15.2

Corresponding week of 1985 395,304

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,573,989	8,622,481	D 0.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

22 Weeks ended May 31	372.1	372.4	D 0.1
Week ended June 7	17.2	17.7	D 2.9
23 weeks cumulative	389.3	390.2	D 0.2



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WASHINGTON, June 19, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 14 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 404.8 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 14 totaled 385,741, down 1.8 percent from last year, and 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.1 percent in the West, but down 4.4 percent in the East, and 2.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 4,856 cars (4.1 percent). However, grain traffic increased by 2,088 cars (8.9 percent). Ten of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 7 totaled 94,387 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 2,249,199, trailers and/or containers, up 16.2 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/14/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 14, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	25,449	I		2,088	8.9	I	7,015	38.1	
Other farm products	4,213	I		57	1.4	D	222	5.0	
Metallic ores	17,654	D		1,639	8.5	D	1,635	8.5	
Coal	113,462	D		4,856	4.1	D	2,027	1.8	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,216	I		292	2.1	D	272	1.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,895	D		2,772	23.8	D	447	4.8	
Grain mill products	10,759	I		388	3.7	I	159	1.5	
Food and kindred products	10,922	D		114	1.0	D	166	1.5	
Primary forest products	10,470	D		1,377	11.6	I	138	1.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,829	I		149	1.9	I	77	1.0	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,381	D		1,123	8.3	D	599	4.6	
Chemicals and allied products	22,314	D		227	1.0	D	1,299	5.5	
Petroleum products	4,900	D		159	3.1	I	95	2.0	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,466	D		482	4.4	D	399	3.7	
Coke	4,287	D		529	11.0	D	225	5.0	
Metals and products	7,609	D		1,441	15.9	D	1,100	12.6	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,205	D		433	1.9	I	16	0.1	
Waste and scrap materials	8,356	D		248	2.9	I	297	3.7	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,129	D		3,262	51.0	I	34	1.1	
All other carloads	66,126	I		8,515	14.8	I	213	0.3	
LCL traffic	99	D		21	17.5	I	5	5.0	
Total Cars Loaded	385,741	D		7,194	1.8	D	342	0.1	

Corresponding week of 1985 392,935

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)*	8,957,036 (Rev.)	9,015,416	D 0.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

23 Weeks ended June 7	387.6	390.2	D 0.7
Week ended June 14	17.2	17.6	D 2.4
24 weeks cumulative*	404.8 (Rev.)	407.8	D 0.7

*Cumulative carloadings and revenue ton-miles have been revised to adjust for an overstatement of carloadings during the month of May 1986.



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WASHINGTON, June 26, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 21 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 3.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 422.2 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 21 totaled 388,867, down 3.0 percent from last year, but 0.8 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.3 percent in the West, but down 8.4 percent in the East, and 2.5 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 7,066 cars (5.8 percent) and metallic ores decreased by 3,452 cars (18.6 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 14 totaled 96,165 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,234,296, trailers and/or containers, up 10.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/21/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 21, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,849	I	711	2.6	I	2,400	9.4
Other farm products	4,133	I	399	10.7	D	80	1.9
Metallic ores	15,095	D	3,452	18.6	D	2,559	14.5
Coal	115,422	D	7,066	5.8	I	1,960	1.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,866	D	393	2.8	D	350	2.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,288	D	1,292	12.2	I	393	4.4
Grain mill products	10,751	I	817	8.2	D	8	0.1
Food and kindred products	10,883	D	119	1.1	D	39	0.4
Primary forest products	10,748	D	1,155	9.7	I	278	2.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,324	I	489	6.2	I	495	6.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,862	D	1,015	7.3	I	481	3.9
Chemicals and allied products	22,253	D	349	1.5	D	61	0.3
Petroleum products	4,844	I	172	3.7	D	56	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,493	D	541	4.9	I	27	0.3
Coke	4,515	D	666	12.9	I	228	5.3
Metals and products	7,613	D	1,566	17.1	I	4	0.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,790	D	1,221	5.3	D	415	1.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,083	D	249	3.0	D	273	3.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,998	D	3,370	52.9	D	131	4.2
All other carloads	66,946	I	7,783	13.2	I	820	1.2
LCL traffic	111	D	96	46.4	I	12	12.1
Total Cars Loaded	388,867	D	12,179	3.0	I	3,126	0.8

Corresponding week of 1985 401,046

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,345,903	9,416,462	D 0.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

24 Weeks ended June 14	404.8	407.8	D 0.7
Week ended June 21	17.4	18.0	D 3.5
25 weeks cumulative	422.2	425.8	D 0.8



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WASHINGTON, July 3, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 28 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 439.7 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 28 totaled 391,241, down 2.1 percent from last year, but 0.6 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.1 percent in the East, 2.9 percent in the South, and 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with metallic ores showing a decline of 4,000 cars (20.5 percent). However, grain loadings posted a gain of 1,832 cars (7.2 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 21 totaled 96,940 trailers and/or containers, 8.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,331,236, trailers and/or containers, up 10.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/28/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 28, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,273	I	1,832	7.2	D	576	2.1
Other farm products	4,240	I	642	17.8	I	107	2.6
Metallic ores	15,468	D	4,000	20.5	I	373	2.5
Coal	115,220	D	2,212	1.9	D	202	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,294	I	520	3.8	I	428	3.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,306	D	1,956	17.4	I	18	0.2
Grain mill products	10,545	I	869	9.0	D	206	1.9
Food and kindred products	11,421	I	144	1.3	I	538	4.9
Primary forest products	10,517	D	1,419	11.9	D	231	2.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,379	D	251	2.9	I	55	0.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,163	D	1,511	10.3	I	301	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	22,678	D	2,734	10.8	I	425	1.9
Petroleum products	4,951	I	151	3.1	I	107	2.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,227	D	1,147	10.1	D	266	2.5
Coke	3,968	D	975	19.7	D	547	12.1
Metals and products	7,957	D	1,631	17.0	I	344	4.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,419	I	956	4.7	D	371	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,207	I	52	0.6	I	124	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,484	D	3,195	47.8	I	486	16.2
All other carloads	68,411	I	7,537	12.4	I	1,465	2.2
LCL traffic	113	D	52	31.5	I	2	1.8
Total Cars Loaded	391,241	D	8,380	2.1	I	2,374	0.6

Corresponding week of 1985 399,621

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	9,737,861	9,816,083	D 0.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

25 Weeks ended June 21	422.2	425.8	D 0.8
Week ended June 28	17.4	17.5	D 0.6
26 weeks cumulative	439.7	443.4	D 0.8



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WASHINGTON, July 10, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 5 totaled an estimated 14.0 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 453.7 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 5 totaled 304,703, up 1.0 percent from last year, but 22.1 percent lower than the previous non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.2 percent in the East, and 1.6 percent in the West, but down 6.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores showed a gain of 3,103 cars (24.5 percent) and food and kindred products increased by 1,146 cars (13.7 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 28 totaled 97,745 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,429,013, trailers and/or containers, up 9.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/05/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 5, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	21,476	D		1,449	6.3	D	5,797	21.3	
Other farm products	3,565	I		523	17.2	D	675	15.9	
Metallic ores	15,744	I		3,103	24.5	I	276	1.8	
Coal	76,601	D		3,556	4.4	D	38,619	33.5	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,882	D		132	1.2	D	3,412	23.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,284	D		1,668	16.8	D	1,022	11.0	
Grain mill products	9,156	I		632	7.4	D	1,389	13.2	
Food and kindred products	9,481	I		1,146	13.7	D	1,940	17.0	
Primary forest products	7,764	D		581	7.0	D	2,753	26.2	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,783	I		934	19.3	D	2,596	31.0	
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,845	D		321	2.6	D	1,318	10.0	
Chemicals and allied products	19,876	I		882	4.6	D	2,802	12.4	
Petroleum products	4,059	D		4	0.1	D	892	18.0	
Stone, clay and glass products	8,696	D		338	3.7	D	1,531	15.0	
Coke	3,689	D		1,050	22.2	D	279	7.0	
Metals and products	7,499	D		613	7.6	D	458	5.8	
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,396	I		553	4.0	D	7,023	32.8	
Waste and scrap materials	6,009	I		294	5.1	D	2,198	26.8	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,670	D		2,679	50.1	D	814	23.4	
All other carloads	57,119	I		7,410	14.9	D	11,292	16.5	
LCL traffic	109	D		30	21.6	D	4	3.5	
Total Cars Loaded	304,703	I		3,056	1.0	D	86,538	22.1	

Corresponding week of 1985 301,647

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,042,564	10,119,269	D 0.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

26 Weeks ended June 28	439.7	443.4	D 0.8
Week ended July 5	14.0	14.1	D 0.7
27 weeks cumulative	453.7	457.5	D 0.8

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WASHINGTON, July 17, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 12 totaled an estimated 15.7 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both periods included the second week of the annual coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 469.3 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 12 totaled 339,055, down 0.5 percent from last year, but 11.3 percent higher than the previous Independence Day holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.7 percent in the West, but down 0.9 percent in the East, and 4.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores showed a gain of 4,038 cars (29.9 percent) and other farm products increased by 2,120 cars (6.1 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended July 5 totaled 81,734 trailers and/or containers, 11.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,510,873 trailers and/or containers, up 9.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/12/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 12, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,962	D		1,141	4.5	I	2,486	11.6
Other farm products	3,680	I		2,120	6.1	I	115	3.2
Metallic ores	17,541	I		4,038	29.9	I	1,797	11.4
Coal	82,470	D		3,785	4.4	I	5,869	7.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,731	I		986	7.2	I	3,849	35.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,238	D		1,854	16.7	I	954	11.5
Grain mill products	10,352	I		801	8.4	I	1,196	13.1
Food and kindred products	10,287	D		342	3.2	I	806	8.5
Primary forest products	10,054	D		1,228	10.9	I	2,290	29.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,908	I		318	4.8	I	1,125	19.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,199	D		777	6.0	I	354	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	22,163	D		221	1.0	I	2,287	11.5
Petroleum products	5,193	I		503	10.7	I	1,134	27.9
Stone, clay and glass products	10,139	D		464	4.4	I	1,443	16.6
Coke	4,587	D		648	12.4	I	898	24.3
Metals and products	7,264	D		1,291	15.1	D	235	3.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,808	D		1,892	11.3	I	412	2.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,431	D		398	5.1	I	1,422	23.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,888	D		3,106	51.8	I	218	8.2
All other carloads	63,055	I		8,682	16.0	I	5,936	10.4
LCL traffic	105	D		4	3.7	D	4	3.7
Total Cars Loaded	339,055	D		1,611	0.5	I	34,352	11.3

Corresponding week of 1985 340,666

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	10,381,619	10,459,935	D 0.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

27 Weeks ended July 5	453.7	457.5	D 0.8
Week ended July 12	15.7	15.8	D 0.9
28 weeks cumulative	469.3	473.3	D 0.8



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WASHINGTON, July 24, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 19 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 486.1 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 19 totaled 366,429, down 0.9 percent from last year, but 8.1 percent higher than the previous week, which was the second week of the annual coal miners' holiday. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.5 percent in the West, but down 4.4 percent in the East, and 3.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 4,014 cars (18.7 percent) and chemicals and allied products increased by 1,451 cars (6.7 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 12 totaled 94,005 trailers and/or containers, 11.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 2,604,947 trailers and/or containers, up 9.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/19/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 19, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,518	I	4,014	18.7	I	1,556	6.5
Other farm products	3,457	I	487	16.4	D	223	6.1
Metallic ores	15,550	I	1,427	10.1	D	1,991	11.4
Coal	102,096	D	5,087	4.7	I	19,626	23.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,048	I	888	6.3	I	317	2.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,063	D	3,601	28.4	D	175	1.9
Grain mill products	10,231	I	549	5.7	D	121	1.2
Food and kindred products	10,883	D	361	3.2	I	596	5.8
Primary forest products	10,279	D	650	5.9	I	225	2.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,522	I	290	4.0	I	614	8.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,042	D	910	7.0	D	157	1.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,175	I	1,451	6.7	I	1,012	4.6
Petroleum products	4,910	I	68	1.4	D	283	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,363	D	41	0.4	I	224	2.2
Coke	4,366	D	30	0.7	D	221	4.8
Metals and products	8,607	D	678	7.3	I	1,343	18.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,852	D	1,897	9.6	I	3,044	20.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,622	D	836	9.9	I	191	2.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,094	D	3,470	52.9	I	206	7.1
All other carloads	64,647	I	5,179	8.7	I	1,592	2.5
LCL traffic	104	D	82	44.1	D	1	1.3
Total Cars Loaded	366,429	D	3,290	0.9	I	27,374	8.1
Corresponding week of 1985	369,719						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	10,748,048	10,829,654	D 0.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
28 Weeks ended July 12	469.3	473.3	D 0.8
Week ended July 19	16.7	16.9	D 1.3
29 weeks cumulative	486.1	490.2	D 0.9



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WASHINGTON, July 31, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 26 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 503.3 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 26 totaled 380,430, down 1.3 percent from last year, but 3.3 percent higher than the previous week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.6 percent in the West, but down 7.6 percent in the East, and 2.9 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,059 cars (29.2 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,612 cars (25.7 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 19 totaled 93,863 trailers and/or containers, 7.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 2,698,810 trailers and/or containers, up 9.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/26/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 26, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	26,775	I		6,059	29.2	I	1,257	4.9	
Other farm products	2,862	D		167	5.5	D	595	17.2	
Metallic ores	17,680	I		3,612	25.7	I	2,130	13.7	
Coal	112,163	D		8,395	7.0	I	10,067	9.9	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,173	I		179	1.3	D	875	5.8	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,178	D		4,374	34.8	D	885	9.8	
Grain mill products	10,274	D		263	2.5	I	43	0.4	
Food and kindred products	10,645	D		429	3.9	D	238	2.2	
Primary forest products	10,242	D		460	4.3	D	37	0.4	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,043	I		702	9.6	I	521	6.9	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,147	D		1,078	8.2	I	105	0.9	
Chemicals and allied products	22,411	D		64	0.3	D	764	3.3	
Petroleum products	4,897	I		156	3.3	D	13	0.3	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,314	D		128	1.2	D	60	0.6	
Coke	3,745	D		940	20.1	D	621	14.2	
Metals and products	8,809	D		228	2.5	I	202	2.3	
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,536	D		2,805	13.8	D	316	1.8	
Waste and scrap materials	7,895	D		163	2.0	I	273	3.6	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,991	D		3,714	55.4	D	103	3.3	
All other carloads	68,549	I		7,469	12.2	I	2,214	3.3	
LCL traffic	101	D		81	44.5	D	3	2.9	
Total Cars Loaded	380,430	D		5,112	1.3	I	12,302	3.3	

Corresponding week of 1985 385,542

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	11,133,178	11,215,196	D 0.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

29 Weeks ended July 19	486.1	490.2	D 0.9
Week ended July 26	17.3	17.4	D 0.7
30 weeks cumulative	503.3	507.6	D 0.8



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WASHINGTON, August 7, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 2 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 520.6 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 2 totaled 377,778, down 1.2 percent from last year, and 0.7 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.9 percent in the West, but down 9.1 percent in the East, and 1.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 5,385 cars (16.2 percent) and metallic ores increased by 2,639 cars (20.3 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 26 totaled 96,308 trailers and/or containers, 7.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 2,795,118 trailers and/or containers, up 9.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/2/86:

	Loadings in Week ended August 2, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,246	I		3,385	16.2	D	2,529	9.4
Other farm products	2,710	D		116	4.1	D	152	5.3
Metallic ores	15,668	I		2,639	20.3	D	2,012	11.4
Coal	112,846	D		9,232	7.6	I	683	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,206	I		1,413	10.2	I	1,033	7.3
Nonmetallic minerals	7,295	D		2,193	23.1	D	883	10.8
Grain mill products	10,425	I		197	1.9	I	151	1.5
Food and kindred products	11,203	D		162	1.4	I	558	5.2
Primary forest products	10,147	D		702	6.5	D	95	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,363	I		651	8.4	I	320	4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,595	D		1,234	8.9	I	448	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,962	D		247	1.1	I	551	2.5
Petroleum products	4,960	I		234	5.0	I	63	1.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,500	D		114	1.1	I	186	1.8
Coke	3,281	D		1,582	32.5	D	464	12.4
Metals and products	9,074	I		10	0.1	I	265	3.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,579	D		2,261	12.7	D	1,957	11.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,281	D		976	11.8	D	614	7.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,196	D		3,769	54.1	I	205	6.9
All other carloads	70,132	I		9,543	15.8	I	1,583	2.3
LCL traffic	109	D		54	33.1	I	8	7.9
Total Cars Loaded	377,778	D		4,570	1.2	D	2,652	0.7

Corresponding week of 1985 382,348

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	11,510,956	11,594,696	D 0.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

30 Weeks ended July 26	503.3	507.6	D 0.8
Week ended August 2	17.2	17.4	D 0.9
31 weeks cumulative	520.6	525.0	D 0.8



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WASHINGTON, August 14, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 9 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 537.6 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 9 totaled 372,323, down 1.7 percent from last year, and 1.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.3 percent in the West, but down 12.6 percent in the East. There was virtually no change in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 4,323 cars (20.7 percent). Ten of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 2 totaled 99,664 trailers and/or containers, 10.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 2,895,012 trailers and/or containers, up 9.6 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/9/86:

	Loadings in Week ended August 9, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,186	I	4,323	20.7	I	940	3.9
Other farm products	3,121	I	429	15.9	I	411	15.2
Metallic ores	14,810	I	932	6.7	D	858	5.5
Coal	112,870	D	7,950	6.6	I	24	0.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,429	I	688	5.0	D	777	5.1
Nonmetallic minerals	8,810	D	2,305	20.7	I	1,515	19.9
Grain mill products	10,478	I	386	3.8	I	53	0.5
Food and kindred products	10,824	D	71	0.7	D	379	3.4
Primary forest products	9,839	D	332	3.3	D	308	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,170	I	264	3.8	D	1,193	14.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,663	D	345	2.7	I	68	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	21,975	D	511	2.3	D	987	4.3
Petroleum products	5,208	I	618	13.5	I	248	5.0
Stone, clay and glass products	10,382	D	691	6.2	D	118	1.1
Coke	3,367	D	1,427	29.8	I	86	2.6
Metals and products	7,106	D	1,154	14.0	D	1,968	21.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,874	D	3,174	17.6	D	705	4.5
Waste and scrap materials	7,449	D	950	11.3	I	168	2.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,238	D	3,675	53.2	I	42	1.3
All other carloads	68,437	I	8,446	14.1	D	1,695	2.4
LCL traffic	87	D	67	43.5	D	22	20.2
Total Cars Loaded	372,323	D	6,566	1.7	D	5,455	1.4

Corresponding week of 1985 378,889

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks)	11,883,279	11,973,585	D 0.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

31 weeks ended August 2	520.6	525.0	D 0.8
Week ended August 9	17.1	17.2	D 1.1
32 weeks cumulative	537.6	542.3	D 0.9



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WASHINGTON, August 21, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 16 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 555.0 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 16 totaled 380,675, down 0.3 percent from last year, but 2.2 percent higher the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.5 percent in the West, but down 6.3 percent in the East and 0.2 in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 4,490 cars (23.5 percent) and chemicals and allied products increased by 1,103 cars (4.7 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 9 totaled 97,750 trailers and/or containers, 9.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 2,992,775 trailers and/or containers, up 9.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 08/16/86:

	Loadings in Week ended August 16, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,595	I	4,490	23.5	D	1,591	6.3
Other farm products	3,044	I	637	26.5	D	77	2.5
Metallic ores	13,889	D	478	3.3	D	921	6.2
Coal	117,942	D	6,095	4.9	I	5,072	4.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,567	I	231	1.6	I	138	1.0
Nonmetallic minerals	8,875	D	1,224	12.1	I	65	0.7
Grain mill products	10,322	D	187	1.8	D	156	1.5
Food and kindred products	11,068	D	149	1.3	I	244	2.3
Primary forest products	9,883	D	770	7.2	I	44	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,802	I	784	11.2	I	632	8.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,452	D	1,129	8.3	D	211	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	24,407	I	1,103	4.7	I	2,432	11.1
Petroleum products	4,928	I	322	7.0	D	280	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,387	D	515	4.7	I	5	0.0
Coke	3,671	D	961	20.7	I	304	9.0
Metals and products	7,388	D	612	7.7	I	282	4.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,901	D	1,189	6.6	I	2,027	13.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,756	D	794	9.3	I	307	4.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,188	D	3,704	53.7	D	50	1.5
All other carloads	68,539	I	9,170	15.4	I	102	0.1
LCL traffic	71	D	81	53.3	D	16	18.4
Total Cars Loaded	380,675	D	1,151	0.3	I	8,352	2.2
Corresponding week of 1985	381,826						
	<u>1986</u>		<u>1985</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	12,263,954		12,355,411		D	0.7	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):							
32 Weeks ended August 9	537.6		542.3		D	0.9	
Week ended August 16	<u>17.4</u>		<u>17.3</u>		I	0.2	
33 Weeks cumulative	555.0		559.6		D	0.8	



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WASHINGTON, August 28, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 23 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 573.9 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 23 totaled 385,624, virtually the same as the corresponding week of last year, but 1.3 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.4 percent in the West, but down 4.6 percent in the East and 2.6 in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 5,935 cars (30.9 percent) and metallic ores increased by 2,299 cars (16.3 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 16 totaled 98,014 trailers and/or containers, 9.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 3,090,789 trailers and/or containers, up 9.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 08/23/86:

	Loadings in Week ended August 23, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,116	I	5,935	30.9	I	1,521	6.4
Other farm products	2,848	I	256	9.9	D	196	6.4
Metallic ores	16,381	I	2,299	16.3	I	2,492	17.9
Coal	117,441	D	146	0.1	D	501	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,090	I	692	4.8	I	523	3.6
Nonmetallic minerals	8,726	D	2,811	24.4	D	149	1.7
Grain mill products	10,420	I	21	0.2	I	98	0.9
Food and kindred products	10,789	D	373	3.3	D	279	2.5
Primary forest products	9,999	D	948	8.7	I	116	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,956	I	634	8.7	I	154	2.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,755	D	843	6.2	I	303	2.4
Chemicals and allied products	24,004	D	489	2.0	D	403	1.7
Petroleum products	4,963	I	134	2.8	I	35	0.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,403	D	406	3.8	I	16	0.2
Coke	3,498	D	1,564	30.9	D	173	4.7
Metals and products	7,140	D	986	12.1	D	248	3.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,757	D	3,457	16.3	I	856	5.1
Waste and scrap materials	7,778	D	1,057	12.0	I	22	0.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,398	D	3,681	52.0	I	210	6.6
All other carloads	69,083	I	6,811	10.9	I	544	0.8
LCL traffic	79	D	76	49.0	I	8	11.3
Total Cars Loaded	385,624	D	55	0.0	I	4,949	1.3

Corresponding week of 1985 385,679

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks)	12,649,578	12,741,090	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
33 Weeks ended August 16	556.5 (Rev.)	559.6	D 0.6
Week ended August 23	<u>17.4</u>	<u>17.1</u>	<u>I 1.7</u>
34 Weeks cumulative	573.9	576.7	D 0.5



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WASHINGTON, September 5, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 30 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 591.4 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 30 totaled 383,323, down 2.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.6 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.4 percent in the West, but down 11.0 percent in the East and 1.8 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 1,912 cars (9.0 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 23 totaled 99,388 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 3,190,177 trailers and/or containers, up 9.6 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 08/30/86:

	Loadings in Week ended August 30, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,073	I		1,912	9.0	D	2,043	8.1
Other farm products	2,711	I		126	4.9	D	137	4.8
Metallic ores	14,149	I		944	7.1	D	2,232	13.6
Coal	112,828	D		4,873	4.1	D	4,613	3.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,816	I		344	2.4	D	274	1.8
Nonmetallic minerals	7,541	D		3,121	29.3	D	1,185	13.6
Grain mill products	10,487	D		243	2.3	I	67	0.6
Food and kindred products	10,771	D		788	6.8	D	18	0.2
Primary forest products	10,229	D		507	4.7	I	230	2.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,420	I		876	11.6	I	464	5.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,603	D		1,365	9.8	D	152	1.2
Chemicals and allied products	25,776	I		734	2.9	I	1,762	7.3
Petroleum products	5,178	I		365	7.6	I	215	4.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,890	D		123	1.1	I	487	4.7
Coke	3,674	D		1,661	31.1	I	176	5.0
Metals and products	7,805	D		1,616	17.2	I	665	9.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,854	D		3,886	17.1	I	1,097	6.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,966	D		1,226	13.3	I	188	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,684	D		3,538	49.0	I	286	8.4
All other carloads	71,785	I		7,335	11.4	I	2,702	3.9
LCL traffic	93	D		93	50.0	I	14	17.7
Total Cars Loaded	383,323	D		10,404	2.6	D	2,301	0.6

Corresponding week of 1985 393,727

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	13,032,901	13,134,817	D 0.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
34 Weeks ended August 23	573.9	576.7	D 0.5
Week ended August 30	17.5	17.2	I 1.3
35 Weeks cumulative	591.4	593.9	D 0.4



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WASHINGTON, September 11, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 6 totaled an estimated 15.1 billion ton-miles, 3.6 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today (both weeks included the Labor Day holiday).

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 606.5 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 6 totaled 331,552, down 0.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 13.5 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.0 percent in the West, but down 7.2 percent in the East and 5.9 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 4,948 cars (31.2 percent) and metallic ores increased by 5,613 cars (57.8 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 30 totaled 104,750 trailers and/or containers, 5.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 3,295,033 trailers and/or containers, up 9.5 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 09/06/86:

	Loadings in Week ended September 6, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	20,789	I		4,948	31.2	D	2,284	9.9
Other farm products	2,466	I		201	8.9	D	245	9.0
Metallic ores	15,319	I		5,613	57.8	I	1,170	8.3
Coal	97,986	D		7,521	7.1	D	14,842	13.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,923	D		334	2.7	D	2,893	19.5
Nonmetallic minerals	7,196	D		2,842	28.3	D	345	4.6
Grain mill products	9,179	I		337	3.8	D	1,308	12.5
Food and kindred products	9,328	D		249	2.6	D	1,443	13.4
Primary forest products	8,316	D		675	7.5	D	1,913	18.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,282	I		716	12.9	D	2,138	25.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,093	D		576	4.5	D	510	4.0
Chemicals and allied products	21,656	I		162	0.8	D	4,110	16.0
Petroleum products	3,921	D		317	7.5	D	1,257	24.3
Stone, clay and glass products	8,807	D		798	8.3	D	2,083	19.1
Coke	3,606	D		948	20.8	D	68	1.9
Metals and products	6,430	D		945	12.8	D	1,375	17.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,432	D		1,748	9.6	D	2,422	12.8
Waste and scrap materials	6,343	D		736	10.4	D	1,623	20.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,913	D		2,932	50.2	D	771	20.9
All other carloads	60,456	I		7,326	13.8	D	11,329	15.8
LCL traffic	111	D		3	2.6	I	18	19.4
Total Cars Loaded	331,552	D		1,321	0.4	D	51,771	13.5
Corresponding week of 1985	332,873							

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	13,364,453	13,467,690	D 0.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
35 Weeks ended August 30	591.4	593.9	D 0.4
Week ended September 6	<u>15.1</u>	<u>14.6</u>	<u>I 3.6</u>
36 Weeks cumulative	606.5	608.5	D 0.3



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WASHINGTON, September 18, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 13 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 2.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 624.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 13 totaled 394,497, up 0.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 19.0 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.6 percent in the West, but down 3.6 percent in the East and 4.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,342 cars (41.8 percent) and metallic ores increased by 4,566 cars (36.2 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended September 6 totaled 86,822 trailers and/or containers, 7.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 3,381,855 trailers and/or containers, up 9.4 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 09/13/86:

	Loadings in Week ended September 13, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	28,288	I		8,342	41.8	I	7,499	36.1	
Other farm products	3,838	I		550	16.7	I	1,372	55.6	
Metallic ores	17,191	I		4,566	36.2	I	1,872	12.2	
Coal	117,392	D		4,910	4.0	I	19,406	19.8	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,007	I		521	3.6	I	3,084	25.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,358	D		3,693	30.6	I	1,162	16.1	
Grain mill products	10,817	I		6	0.1	I	1,638	17.8	
Food and kindred products	10,777	D		603	5.3	I	1,449	15.5	
Primary forest products	10,455	D		632	5.7	I	2,139	25.7	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,917	I		842	11.9	I	1,635	26.0	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,473	D		605	4.6	I	380	3.1	
Chemicals and allied products	25,051	D		327	1.3	I	3,395	15.7	
Petroleum products	4,561	D		506	10.0	I	640	16.3	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,632	D		574	5.1	I	1,825	20.7	
Coke	3,442	D		1,069	23.7	D	164	4.5	
Metals and products	7,291	D		1,349	15.6	I	861	13.4	
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,563	D		1,389	6.3	I	4,131	25.1	
Waste and scrap materials	7,642	D		1,734	18.5	I	1,299	20.5	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,395	D		3,553	51.1	I	482	16.5	
All other carloads	69,317	I		7,533	12.2	I	8,861	14.7	
LCL traffic	90	D		92	50.5	D	21	18.9	
Total Cars Loaded	394,497	I		1,324	0.3	I	62,945	19.0	
Corresponding week of 1985	393,173								
	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	13,758,950			13,860,863			D 0.7		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
36 Weeks ended September 6	606.5			608.5			D 0.3		
Week ended September 13	<u>17.5</u>			<u>17.1</u>			I 2.3		
37 Weeks cumulative	624.0			625.7			D 0.3		

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WASHINGTON, September 25, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 20 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 641.7 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 20 totaled 398,629, virtually the same as the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.7 percent in the West, and down 5.5 percent in the East. There was an increase of less than 0.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 11,133 cars (58.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 13 totaled 101,715 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 3,483,570 trailers and/or containers, up 9.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 09/20/86:

	Loadings in Week ended September 20, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	30,179	I		11,133	58.5	I	1,891	6.9	
Other farm products	3,786	I		422	12.5	D	52	1.4	
Metallic ores	14,208	I		682	5.0	D	2,983	17.4	
Coal	116,684	D		5,017	4.1	D	708	0.6	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,240	I		470	3.2	I	233	1.6	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,837	D		3,432	25.9	I	1,479	17.7	
Grain mill products	10,890	D		430	3.8	I	73	0.7	
Food and kindred products	11,128	D		470	4.1	I	351	3.3	
Primary forest products	10,479	D		497	4.5	I	24	0.2	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,063	I		636	8.6	I	146	1.8	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,372	D		792	6.0	D	101	0.8	
Chemicals and allied products	25,103	I		251	1.0	I	52	0.2	
Petroleum products	4,473	D		516	10.3	D	88	1.9	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,699	D		592	5.2	I	67	0.6	
Coke	3,572	D		1,040	22.5	I	130	3.8	
Metals and products	7,223	D		1,264	14.9	D	68	0.9	
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,401	D		1,821	8.2	D	162	0.8	
Waste and scrap materials	8,164	D		1,113	12.0	I	522	6.8	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,389	D		3,716	52.3	D	6	0.2	
All other carloads	72,628	I		7,348	11.3	I	3,311	4.8	
LCL traffic	111	D		63	36.2	I	21	23.3	
Total Cars Loaded	398,629	I		179	0.0	I	4,132	1.0	
Corresponding week of 1985	398,450								
	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks)	14,157,579			14,259,313			D 0.7		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
37 Weeks ended September 13	624.0			625.7			D 0.3		
Week ended September 20	<u>17.7</u>			<u>17.2</u>			I 3.0		
38 Weeks cumulative	641.7			642.9			D 0.2		

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WASHINGTON, October 2, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 27 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 5.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 659.4 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 27 totaled 396,562, almost the same as the corresponding week of last year, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.3 percent in the West, and down 3.3 percent in the East, and 3.6 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,152 cars (39.7 percent) and metallic ores increased by 4,010 cars (31.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 20 totaled 105,286 trailers and/or containers, 6.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 3,588,936 trailers and/or containers, up 9.2 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 09/27/86:

	Loadings in Week ended September 27, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,661	I		8,152	39.7	D	682	2.3
Other farm products	3,518	I		46	1.3	D	167	4.5
Metallic ores	16,665	I		4,010	31.7	I	2,266	15.7
Coal	114,816	D		3,757	3.2	D	529	0.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,131	I		896	6.3	D	140	0.9
Nonmetallic minerals	8,356	D		3,774	31.1	D	1,490	15.1
Grain mill products	10,448	D		254	2.4	D	363	3.4
Food and kindred products	11,265	D		457	3.9	I	71	0.6
Primary forest products	10,497	D		504	4.6	D	37	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,430	I		681	8.8	I	345	4.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,037	D		2,006	14.3	D	460	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	24,298	D		717	2.9	D	838	3.3
Petroleum products	4,544	D		291	6.0	I	105	2.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,913	D		73	0.7	I	200	1.9
Coke	3,939	D		376	8.7	I	141	3.7
Metals and products	8,055	D		798	9.0	I	814	11.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,390	D		2,664	11.6	I	114	0.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,929	D		1,333	14.4	D	268	3.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,650	D		3,293	47.4	I	262	7.7
All other carloads	72,900	I		6,816	10.0	D	164	0.2
LCL traffic	120	D		34	22.1	I	9	8.1
Total Cars Loaded	396,562	I		70	0.0	D	811	0.2
Corresponding week of 1985	396,492							
	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	14,552,885			14,655,805		D	0.7	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):								
38 Weeks ended September 20	641.7			642.9		D	0.2	
Week ended September 27	<u>17.7</u>			<u>16.7</u>		I	5.8	
39 Weeks cumulative	659.4			659.6		D	0.0	



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WASHINGTON, October 9, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 4 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 677.0 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 4 totaled 392,516, down 0.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.2 percent in the West, and down 5.3 percent in the East, and 5.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,965 cars (42.5 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,279 cars (30.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week. _____

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 27 totaled 106,007 trailers and/or containers, 6.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 3,695,066 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/04/86:

	Loadings in Week ended October 4, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,079	I		8,965	42.5	I	1,418
Other farm products	3,896	I		183	4.9	I	378
Metallic ores	14,024	I		3,279	30.5	D	2,641
Coal	111,761	D		6,477	5.5	D	3,055
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,644	I		339	2.4	D	487
Nonmetallic minerals	8,912	D		3,851	30.2	I	556
Grain mill products	10,555	D		462	4.2	I	107
Food and kindred products	11,372	I		47	0.4	I	107
Primary forest products	10,424	D		173	1.6	D	73
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,872	I		919	13.2	D	558
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,273	D		1,820	12.9	I	236
Chemicals and allied products	23,954	D		1,015	4.1	D	344
Petroleum products	4,401	D		294	6.3	D	143
Stone, clay and glass products	10,369	D		157	1.5	D	544
Coke	4,066	D		668	14.1	I	127
Metals and products	7,920	D		961	10.8	D	135
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,192	D		3,278	14.0	D	198
Waste and scrap materials	7,597	D		1,413	15.7	D	332
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,899	D		3,177	44.9	I	249
All other carloads	74,189	I		7,591	11.4	I	1,289
LCL traffic	117	D		46	28.2	D	3
Total Cars Loaded	392,516	D		2,469	0.6	D	4,046
Corresponding week of 1985	394,985						
	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	14,945,418			15,050,790		D	0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):							
39 Weeks ended September 27	659.4			659.8 (Rev.)		D	0.0
Week ended October 4	<u>17.6</u>			<u>17.3</u>		I	1.5
40 Weeks cumulative	677.0			677.1		D	0.0*

* Difference is less than 0.01 percent

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WASHINGTON, October 16, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 11 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 694.2 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 11 totaled 388,269, down 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.3 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.3 percent in the West, and down 5.3 percent in the East, and 8.6 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,917 cars (30.0 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,278 cars (25.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 4 totaled 105,159 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 3,800,225 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/11/86:

	Loadings in Week ended October 11, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,950	I		6,917	30.0	D	56	0.2
Other farm products	4,649	I		676	17.0	I	810	21.1
Metallic ores	16,148	I		3,278	25.5	I	2,087	14.8
Coal	108,720	D		12,308	10.2	D	3,548	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,054	D		726	4.9	D	701	4.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,273	D		2,925	26.1	D	645	7.2
Grain mill products	11,379	I		953	9.1	I	832	7.9
Food and kindred products	11,344	I		370	3.4	D	48	0.4
Primary forest products	10,275	D		675	6.2	D	150	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,539	I		920	13.9	D	362	4.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,371	D		1,116	8.3	I	37	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	22,723	D		423	1.8	D	1,387	5.8
Petroleum products	4,807	I		53	1.1	I	399	9.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,339	D		469	4.3	I	38	0.4
Coke	3,726	D		700	15.8	D	79	2.1
Metals and products	7,428	D		140	1.8	D	489	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,540	D		3,532	15.3	D	645	3.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,689	D		1,508	16.4	I	62	0.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,375	D		3,466	50.7	D	524	13.4
All other carloads	73,819	I		8,733	13.4	D	597	0.8
LCL traffic	121	D		76	38.6	I	4	3.4
Total Cars Loaded	388,269	D		6,164	1.6	D	4,962	1.3

Corresponding week of 1985

394,433

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	15,334,402	15,445,223	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
40 Weeks ended October 4	677.0	677.1	D 0.0
Week ended October 11	<u>17.2</u>	<u>17.2</u>	<u>I 0.1</u>
41 Weeks cumulative	694.2	694.3	D 0.0*

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WASHINGTON, October 23, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 18 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 711.8 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 18 totaled 392,320, down 0.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.5 percent in the West, and down 1.3 percent in the East, and 7.8 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,640 cars (34.3 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 11 totaled 104,929 trailers and/or containers, 7.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 3,905,154 trailers and/or containers, up 8.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/18/86

	Loadings in Week ended October 18, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Per
Grain	33,813	I	8,640	34.3	I	3,526
Other farm products	4,910	I	702	16.7	I	255
Metallic ores	13,526	D	519	3.7	D	2,878
Coal	113,945	D	2,334	2.0	I	5,117
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,287	D	30	0.2	I	16
Nonmetallic minerals	8,545	D	3,221	27.4	I	272
Grain mill products	10,809	D	171	1.6	D	576
Food and kindred products	10,819	D	572	5.0	D	482
Primary forest products	9,927	D	1,371	12.1	D	356
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,606	I	587	8.4	I	76
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,708	D	1,671	12.5	D	644
Chemicals and allied products	22,239	D	1,652	6.9	D	379
Petroleum products	4,655	D	35	0.7	D	193
Stone, clay and glass products	10,422	D	281	2.6	I	69
Coke	4,011	D	778	16.2	I	179
Metals and products	7,561	D	34	0.4	I	270
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,741	D	2,318	10.5	I	218
Waste and scrap materials	7,666	D	1,101	12.6	I	1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,287	D	3,223	49.5	D	88
All other carloads	72,695	I	7,909	12.2	D	711
LCL traffic	148	D	14	8.6	I	27
Total Cars Loaded	392,320	D	1,487	0.4	I	3,719
Corresponding week of 1985	393,807					22.3
						1.0
	1986		1985		% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	15,728,756		15,839,030		D 0.7	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):						
41 Weeks ended October 11	694.2		694.3		D 0.0	
Week ended October 18	17.6		17.3		I 1.5	
42 Weeks cumulative	711.8		711.6		I 0.0*	

* Difference is less than 0.01 percent



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WASHINGTON, October 30, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 25 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 730.1 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 25 totaled 407,919, up 3.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 4.0 percent higher than the preceding week. The October 25 total was the highest since the week ended June 22, 1985. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.5 percent in the West, and 5.1 percent in the East, but down 5.4 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,985 cars (33.7 percent) and coal increased by 3,686 cars (3.2 percent). Eighteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 18 totaled 105,021 trailers and/or containers, 10.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 4,010,175 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/25/86:

	Loadings in Week ended October 25, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,636	I		8,985	33.7	I	1,823	5.4
Other farm products	5,635	I		1,418	33.6	I	725	14.8
Metallic ores	15,480	D		1,394	8.3	I	1,954	14.4
Coal	117,318	I		3,686	3.2	I	3,373	3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,447	I		467	3.3	I	160	1.1
Nonmetallic minerals	8,439	D		1,393	14.2	D	106	1.2
Grain mill products	11,455	I		401	3.6	I	646	6.0
Food and kindred products	11,667	D		1	0.0	I	848	7.8
Primary forest products	10,572	D		639	5.7	I	645	6.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,727	I		620	8.7	I	121	1.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,274	D		1,132	8.4	I	566	4.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,358	D		111	0.5	I	1,119	5.0
Petroleum products	4,786	I		276	6.1	I	131	2.8
Stone, clay and glass products	10,517	I		246	2.4	I	95	0.9
Coke	4,304	D		461	9.7	I	293	7.3
Metals and products	7,227	D		505	6.5	D	334	4.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,513	D		914	4.3	I	772	3.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,011	D		602	7.0	I	345	4.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,403	D		3,523	50.9	I	116	3.5
All other carloads	75,024	I		10,078	15.5	I	2,329	3.2
LCL traffic	126	D		54	30.0	D	22	14.9
Total Cars Loaded	407,919	I		15,448	3.9	I	15,599	4.0

Corresponding week of 1985

392,471

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks)	16,136,675	16,231,501	D 0.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
42 Weeks ended October 18	711.8	711.6	I 0.0
Week ended October 25	18.2	17.9	I 1.7
43 Weeks cumulative	730.1	729.5	I 0.1

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